THE POSIE OF GODLY PRAYERS, FIT FOR every Christian to use.

Containing only Prayers of *Repentance, remission of Sins, and* Thankesgiving, with an excellent exhortation to forsake the World: and a perswasion not to feare Death.

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TO

THE MOST High and Mightie Princeſſe *Anne*, Queene of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*.

KNowing that zealous prayer and Supplication to God, is the ſoules effectuall conference with God, moſt prevalent for the remiſſion of ſinnes;

and the principall meane, to reach, and give from God to us all graces and benefits, for our ſoules and bodies in this life temporall, and in the World eternall: and becauſe I find no Prayer-Book compoſed onely of Prayer and thankeſgiving, therfore to avoid the trouble of reading many, the cũber of keeping many, & moſt of all the burthen of bearing many, I have collected the beſt prayers for repentance, remiſſion of ſinnes, and Thankeſgiving, & added new of mine own, which in moſt zealous humbleneſſe, and dutifull obedience,

ence, I preſent unto your moſt excellent Majeſtie, beſeeching your Highneſſe to accept this, as the great Monarch ARTAXERXES did the poore Womans handfull of water, wherin I ſhal account my ſelfe moſt happy, and ever remaine, as I am;

Your moſt faithfull

and obedient ſervant,

NICHOLAS

THEMYLTHORP.

To the Reader.

AS I have (Gentle Reader) ſpent my former time in worldly matters, ſo am I deſirous to ſpend theſe latter dayes in godly and Chriſtian exerciſes: And being moved to begin with Prayers, as the moſt principall exerciſe, and great meanes of mans ſalvation, I read over divers Prayer Bookes, But I found none onely of Prayer and thankeſgiving, but many other matters in them. And for that my ſelfe, and ſome of my friends are deſirous to have one onely Booke to beare about us:

I have therefore ſet out ſuch as ſerve to that purpoſe.

The children of God have ever from the beginning uſed prayer for the ſupply of their corporall, and ſpiritual neceſſities, & have ever graciouſly obtained their petitions, as well for themſelves as others. Hagar *by prayer had drinke for her ſonne,* Anna *by prayer obtained a ſon,* Iſaac *a wife,* Jacob *defence;* Moſes, David, Jehoſaphat, Ezekias, Maccabeus, *and divers others attained victory : The* Ninivites *deliverance from deſtruction : At the prayer of* Joſhuah *the Sun ſtood ſtill : ſo ſtayed the Sun three houres in the dayes of* Henry *the fifth, till the Earle of* Ormond *in* Ireland *with his ſmall company overcame* Omore, Aſhur, *& others with their terrible armyes. At the Prayer of* Alexander, *the* Caſpian *Mountaines cloſed, and in-*

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eloſed the Jewes, and the Sea Pamphilicon divided it ſelfe to him and his Armie, at their paſſage againſt Darius. Clenches firſt Emperour of the Tartars, conquered all the kingdomes to mount Belian, and then a Knight on a white horſe came to him and bad him conquer beyond that mountaine: Clenches ſaid, he could paſſe no further for the Sea, then the Knight bid him pray to God almightie, and hee would ſhew him a way; So Clenches prayed on the Mountaine, and as he was in his prayers, he ſaw the Sea divide it ſelfe, where he and his armie paſſed thorough on dry ground, then he conquered Cathea, & all the bordering Countries. At the prayer of the Chriſtians, and a poore Cobler, a Mountain in Moſul removed from one place to another, whereby the Chriſtians avoyded the cruel ſentence of the unbelie-

ving.

ving Calipho: By Prayer Iron hath ſwome, the dead hath riſen, and all other wonders affected, and of all Gods gracious gifts, it is one of the chiefeſt. Alſo God commands us to call upon him, as when he ſaith, aske and ye ſhall have, watch and pray, pray continually: the Lord is nigh to them that call upon him; yea, unto all ſuch as call upon him faithfully. Pray earneſtly to God, for forgiveneſſe of ſins with full purpoſe of amendment.

There are foure ſorts of men to pray, ſome pray for others and not for themſelves, theſe are too proud and careleſſ: Some pray for themſelves and not for others, theſe are too uncharitable: Some neither pray for themſelves nor for others, theſe are too bad and unchriſtian: Some pray for others and themſelves, theſe are the beſt and godlieſt.

In prayer obſerve theſe five things: firſt, that you direct your minde to God; next, that we are commanded to pray; thirdly, the promiſe that hee will heare us when we pray, then that we muſt pray in faith: laſtly, to believe to obtain the thing we pray for: let us alwayes pray, not with lip-labour, but with hearty affection, in ſpirit, faith, and truth, firſt give thanks, then pray for remiſsion of ſinnes, faith, and all ſpiritual things: laſtly for corporall bleſsings, and things belonging to it. Pray for things eternall, ſpirituall, corporall, things preſent, and to come, for thy ſoule and body, and to bee crowned with everla-ſting Glory.

THE POSIE OF Godly Prayers.

At thy uprising say,



Rise, and enter into this day, to glorifie my God, and walke in my vocation, in the Name of the Father, Sonne, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

Then pray thus.

A Prayer for the Morning.

O Gracious Lord, and most mercifull Father, which hast from the beginning of my age hitherto delivered mee from all perills and dangers, both of soule

ſoule and body, for which I moſt heartily thank thee, and yet becauſe I feele in my ſelfe ſo many faults & imperfections, ſuch readineſſe to evill, and ſlackneſſe to doe good, I quake and tremble for feare of thy wrath and ſharpe Judgement: but for that I know thou commandeſt mee by prayer to crave of thee all things neceſſary for ſoule and bodie, and haſt promiſed graciouſly to heare my lamentable ſuite, and mercifully to grant me my needfull requeſts and petitions, and I know thou canſt and wilt performe them, therefore for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, and in his bleſſed and holy name, and for thy mercie and truths ſake, I humbly beſeech thy Fatherly goodneſſe, to grant mee all things for this bodie and tranſitory life, as ſhall be moſt agreeable

greeable to thy godly will, and pleaſure: and I humbly beſeech thee, that I may alwayes pray in charity, uſe thy gracious gifts & benefits in charity, and leade my whole life and converſation in charity, that I may dayly thorow the aſſiſtance of thy holy ſpirit, mortifie all my carnall luſts, and filthy affections: proſper me & mine in all our honeſt affaires, increaſe thy good gifts in mee, and confirme, and eſtabliſh me in thy grace, that I may goe forward in all goodneſſe, and with an humble and contrite heart, & with a ſorrowfull and repentant ſpirit, I ſue unto thee moſt merciſull Father, beſeeching thee for mercy and forgiveneſſe of all my offences, which in this night paſt or at any time heretofore I have committed againſt thy good will

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and pleaſure by treſpaſſing againſt thy godly Maieſtie, in thought, conſent, word, or deed; and I moſt heartily thanke thee, that thou haſt preſerved mee this night paſt, and all the days of my life hitherto, from all death, danger, and other miſchief, and I beſeech thee bleſſed Father, that thou wilt vouchſafe this day, and ever hereafter to have a mercifull eye unto me, ſupport and ſuſtaine me, bear me up, and ſave me that I fall not into danger, nor breake thy commandements, give mee grace to walk warily among the ſnares of my mortall enemies, the Devill, the World, and the Fleſh, and in all things to be prudent, and diligent to conſider before what I ſhall ſpeake or do, that my whole thoughts, words, and workes, may bee to thy ho-

nour, laud, and glorie, to the edifying of my ſoule in vertue, and to the profit of my brethren, thorough the gracious mediation of Jeſus Chriſt my Lord, and only Saviour, Amen.

Another Prayer for the Morning.

O Mercifull Lord God, I render moſt high laud, praiſe, and thankes unto thee for that thou haſt preſerved, and kept mee both this night, and all the daies and times of my life hitherto, under thy moſt mightie protection, and haſt ſuffered me to live until this preſent houre, I moſt humbly beſeech thee that thou wilt vouchſafe to receive me this day, and the reſidue of my whole life, into thy tuition, ruling and governing

verning me with thy holy Spirit that all manner of darknes, misbeliefe, infidelity, carnall lusts, and affections, may be utterly chased,& driven out of my heart, and grant me a right and perfect faith, that I may be justified,and saved both soule and body, and let mee walke in the light of thy most godly trueth, to thy glory and praise, to my comfort, and my neighbours furtherance, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer for the Morning.

O Eternall God; and heavenly Father, seeing that by thy great mercie, I have quietly passed this night, grant I beseech thee, that I may bestow this day, and the residue of my life wholly

ly in thy ſervice, ſo that all my thoughts, words, and workes may redound to the glory of thy holy name, and good example of my brethren: as it hath pleaſed thee, to make the Sunne to ſhine upon the earth to give us bodily light, ſo vouchſafe to illuminate my underſtanding, with the brightneſſe of thy holy Spirit to direct me in the way of righteouſneſſe, ſo that whatſoever I ſhall doe, my ſpeciall care and purpoſe may bee to walke in thy feare, and to ſerve and honor thee, and that I may take no thing in hand, which ſhall not be agreeable to thy moſt bleſſed wil, and that I may in ſuch ſort travell for my bodie, and this preſent life, that I may ever have a regard to the heavenly life, which thou haſt promiſed to thy Children:

dren : and that it may pleaſe thee to preſerve and defend me, both in bodie and ſoule, to ſtrengthen me againſt all temptations of the devill, to keepe me from all ſins, and deliver mee from all perils, and dangers whatſoever. And furthermore, I beſeech thee to receive mee this day, and the reſidue of my whole life, into thy holy protection, continuing and increaſing in me daily thy grace, and good gifts, and vouchſafe (moſt merciful Father) to forget and forgive all my ſinnes, which I have heretofore at any time committed againſt thee, and for thy infinite mercies ſake pardon and forgive the ſame, for which, & for all things elſe, which I any way ſtand in need of, I make my humble petition unto thee, in the name of thy Sonne, my Lord

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and Saviour Jesus Christ, in such sort as he hath taught me, saying, *Our Father which art, &c.*

Another Prayer for the morning.

ALmighty and most gracious God, I heartily thank thee, for the sweete sleepe and comfortable rest, which thou hast given mee this night past, and for that thou hast commanded by thy holy word, that no man should be idle, but alwayes occupied in godly and vertuous exercises, every man according to his calling, I most humbly beseech thee, that thine eyes may attend upon me; daily defend mee, cherish, comfort, and governe mee, and all my counsels, studies, and labours, in such wise, that I may spend, and bestow this

this day, and the residue of my whole life, according to thy most blessed will and pleasure, setting thee alwayes before mine eyes; living in thy feare, and working that, that may be found acceptable in thy sight, hating wrong, & loving justice. Also I beseech thee most merciful God, to strengthen and keep me in the faith of thy Catholike Church, and kindle in me the love and light of thy holy Spirit, that I may walk godly and vertuouslie in this life, die in the truth of thy word, and live with thee in everlasting glorie; grant this most mercifull God, for thy dear Sonne Jesus Christ his sake. AMEN.

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Another Prayer for the Morning.

I Humbly and heartily thanke thee O heavenly father, through thy dearely beloved Sonne Ieſus Chriſt, that to thy innumerable benefits hitherto powred upon my Soule and Body, thou haſt kept me this night paſt, and all the dayes and time of my life hitherto, from all evils, ſpirituall and corporall: wherefore I beſeech thee to be mercifull unto me, to give me grace to repent and amend my ſinfull life, that I may live henceforth not as I will, but as thou wilt: and as of thy goodneſſe thou haſt given me time to repent and live godly, ſo of the ſame thy goodneſſe in Chriſt Ieſus, I humbly beſeech thee to give me thy gracious gift

of true, holy, perfect & perpetuall repentance, that I may more and more lament my former ſinfull life, truſting faithfully in thy rich mercies, through the merits of Ieſus Chriſt, for the pardon of all my ſinnes, and that I may unfainedly purpoſe, and effectually labour to amend my life, and that all my thoughts, words and deeds, may be to the praiſe of thy holy Name, and good example of others. And for as much as thou knoweſt my ignorance, wickedneſſe, and unableneſſe to carry any croſſe or affliction, I beſeech thee ſweet Father, ſo governe and order all things towards me, that I bee never further afflicted, proved or tempted, than thou wilt make mee able to beare, and ſo aſſiſt and helpe me in the ſame, as may be to thy glory, and my ſalvation,

ſalvation, through Ieſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer for the Morning by a ſinner, acknowledging his ſins, and asking forgiveneſſe for the ſame.

ALmighty, mercifull, and moſt loving Father, whoſe love is infinite, whoſe mercy endureth for ever: I ſinfull creature, truſting in thy unſpeakeable goodneſſe and love towards me, doe appeare this morning before thy divine Majeſty, moſt humbly confeſſing my great and manifold ſinnes and offences, that I have committed againſt thee, and the innumerable tranſgreſſions of thy moſt godly Commandements and Fatherly will: againſt thee, O Father, a-

gainſt thee onely have I ſinned: I acknowledge my offences, I accuſe my ſelfe, O Lord, I cannot hide my unrighteouſneſſe from thee, I find in my ſelfe nothing but diſobedience, doubtfulneſſe of thy goodneſſe, incredulity, hatred of ſpirituall things, confidence in my ſelfe, and fervent luſting after carnall things; therefore I humbly beſeech thy fatherly goodneſſe, for thy Sonne Chriſt his ſake (whom thou haſt ſent for a purchaſer of mercy for me, through faith in his bloud) take away my hard heart, make me a cleane heart, and give mee a true and lively faith: have mercie upon mee, O Lord my Saviour; forgive mee my ſinnes, O Lord, forgive mee my ſinnes for thy Sonnes ſake. O God and mercifull Lord, certifie my conſcience

ſcience of the remiſſion and forgiveneſſe of my ſins by thy holy Spirit, by whoſe operation mortifie in me the old man and body of ſinne, that I may die unto ſin, and walke in newneſſe of life, to the glory of thy holy Name, through Ieſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer for the Evening.

I Thanke thee O heavenly Father by thy dearly beloved Son Ieſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, that of thy free mercy thou haſt preſerved me this day, from all hurts and dangers: vouchſafe alſo I moſt humbly beſeech thee, to keep me this night, and ever hereafter to ſave me from all my enemies, both bodily and ghoſtly: give my body quietneſſe and

ſleep, but let my mind and ſoule continually watch unto thee, think on thee and thy holy law, that when the cheerfull light of the day ſhall appeare, I being whole in body and ſoule, may joyfully riſe againe, and be thankfull unto thee, and diligently walke in my vocation, to my comfort, and the glory of thy bleſſed Name, through Ieſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer for the Evening.

O Moſt gracious Lord, and mercifull Father, I thy moſt unworthy child, and ſinfull creature, with humble heart proſtrate my ſelfe before thy divine Majeſtie, moſt humbly beſeeching thee for mercy, and forgiveneſſe of my ſinnes and iniquities, that

I have this day, or at any time ſince I was borne, committed againſt thee; I am heartily ſorry that I have many wayes tranſgreſſed againſt thee, and doe aske mercie and forgiveneſſe for the ſame. And with my whole heart I heartily thanke thee, that of thy great goodneſſe, mercie, and grace, thou haſt hitherto moſt ſafely preſerved mee. And I beſeech thee moſt mercifull Father, be no more angry with me, nor forſake me; but continuall aſſiſt, comfort and ſtrengthen mee againſt all the aſſaults of the divel, and bee my ſuccour and defence this night, and unto my lives end, that I never offend thy divine Majeſtie or commit any ſinnes, or iniquitie; and vouchſafe of thy aboundant bountifulneſſe, to refreſh my weake body with con-

venient rest, that I may to morrow with all diligence the more readily serve thee in that estate wherein thou hast set me, that all my actions may so please thee, and by thy assistance be governed, that after this vaine and transitory life, I may attaine the life everlasting, through Iesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer for the Evening, and for forgivenesse of sins.

I Yeeld thee most humble and hearty thankes (O heavenly Father) for all thy graces, and benefits that I have at all times heretofore received at thy bountifull hands, from the beginning of my life unto this present houre, and for the great benefit of my election before the foun-

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dation of the world; for my creation, redemption, juſtification, and ſanctification in Chriſt Ieſus, for ſparing me ſo long, and giving me ſo large a time of repentance, delivering me from all perils, bodily and ghoſtly, for drawing me out of darkneſſe, and bringing me to the light of thy Word, for defending mee from all dangers paſt, and protecting mee untill this preſent houre: and I moſt humbly beſeech thee of thy goodneſſe, O Lord, that it may pleaſe thee to take care and charge of mee this night, and all the daies and times of my life hereafter, not to ſuffer me to ſleep and ſlumber in ſinne and ungodlineſſe, but that I may bee alwayes watchfull and carefull for the comming of my Lord and Saviour Ieſus Chriſt, that whenſoever hee ſhall come,

he may finde me prepared to receive him, and that I may heare, and enjoy that comfortable ſentence, *Come yee bleſſed of my Father, inherite the Kingdome prepared for you:* to the which, Lord Ieſus Chriſt, I beſeech thee to bring mee, who haſt ſo dearely bought me; to whom with the Father and the holy Ghoſt, be all honour, power, praiſe, glory, and dominion, both now and for evermore, Amen.

Another prayer for the Evening.

MOſt mercifull God and tender Father, which beſide thy moſt ineſtimable mercies, given and beſtowed upon mee, in making mee, in redeeming mee by the death of thy deare Sonne Ieſus Chriſt,

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in calling me to the knowledge of thy bleſſed Word, in keeping mee in thy holy Church, and in thy moſt gracious governing me, and all things hitherto; for my wealth and commoditie, which haſt alſo moſt fatherly cared for me, and hitherto kept mee from all dangers, both of ſoule and body, giving mee health, foode, apparrell, and all other things neceſſary for the comfort and ſuccour of this poore and miſerable life, which many other want: for theſe, and all other thy good gifts, and gracious benefits which of thy onely goodneſſe, and fatherly providence, thou hitherto haſt, and now doſt powre upon mee, I moſt humbly thanke thee, and praiſe thy holy Name, beſeeching thee to forgive, hide, and

bury all my sinnes which at any time heretofore I have committed against thy holy Commandements: and I beseech thee to grant mee the guard of thy good Angels, to keep me this night, and evermore; and grant good Father that when I shall sleep in death, my body may rest temporally: and my soule live with thee eternally, to thy glory, and my joy, through Iesus Christ my Lord, Amen.

A Prayer for the Evening.

O Eternall God, and most mercifull Father, who this day and all the time of my life, hitherto, hast graciously defended, nourished, and preserved my soule and body; and of thy loving kindnesse hast most fatherly

ly provided for me, a poore ſinner; not onely in giving mee a right portion of thy creatures, but alſo in that plentifull redemption which thy moſt deare Sonne Ieſus Chriſt hath purchaſed for me: grant unto me, O mercifull Father, the aſſiſtance of thy grace and holy Spirit, that though my body take the naturall reſt, yet my ſoule and minde may behold thy goodneſſe toward mee, bee joyfull in thee, and receive ſuch inward pleaſure and heavenly ſweetneſſe in thy love, that whatſoever I ſhall henceforth think, ſpeak, or doe, it may be all to the honour of thy holy name. And let thy mighty hand and out-ſtretched arme, O Lord, be ſtill my defence, thy mercy and loving kindneſſe, in Ieſus Chriſt thy deare Sonne, my ſalvation:

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thy true and holy Word my inſtruction, thy grace and holy ſpirit my comfort and conſolation unto the end, and in the end, through Ieſus Chriſt my Lord and onely Saviour, Amen.

When you goe to bed, ſay, I lay me downe to reſt, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the holy Ghoſt.

Then pray thus.

O Mercifull Lord God, heavenly Father, whether I ſleepe, or wake, live, or die, I am alwaies thine; wherefore I humbly beſeech thee that thou wilt vouchſafe to take care and charge of me this night, and at all times hereafter, and not to ſuffer me to periſh in the works of darkneſſe, but to kindle the light of thy Spirit in my heart,

heart, that thy godly knowledge may daily increaſe in me through a right and pure faith, and that I may alwayes walke and live after thy good will and pleaſure, through Ieſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer before wee ſettle our ſelves to our devotion.

O Moſt gracious God, give mee leave to preſent my ſelfe before thy Divine Majeſtie, to powre out my unworthy prayers unto thee: in the multitude of thy mercies, O Lord, I come to make manifeſt my neceſſities (as a poore and needie wretch) unto a God of infinite glory: I come as a worme to my Soveraigne Maker: I come as a hainous offender, to a juſt and ſevere

ſevere Judge; thou O God promiſeſt that who ſo asketh, ſhall receive; who ſo ſeeketh, ſhall find; grant mee therefore grace to pray unto thee, as my duty, and thy deſert requireth: grant mee a pure intention, a fervent devotion, that with humble heart, firme hope, and perfect charity, I may effectually pray unto thee, and aske of thee that which thou ſeeſt moſt for thy glory, and my good. O mercifull Lord, helpe mee to pray worthily, that thou mayeſt graciouſly grant my petitions: defend my weak heart from ghoſtly aſſaults, and ſo fix my minde upon thee, that I be not carried away from conſideration of thy preſence: grant mee attentively to apply my thoughts, and to be wholy raviſhed and poſſeſſed with zeale and

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true devotion. Grant me to aske forgiveneſſe with deep contrition, and full purpoſe of amendment: afford O Lord, ſuch comfort to my ſoule as thou ſeeſt fit for me, and by the aſſiſtance of thy ſpirit, inſpire thy good motions into me, that I may feele them forcibly, accept them thankfully, and fulfill them effectually; and that I may devoutly pray unto thee with true repentance, appeaſe thee, and for ever dutifully ſerve thee, through Ieſus Chriſt my Saviour, Amen.

A generall confeſſion of ſins.

ALmighty God and heavenly Father, I confeſſe and acknowledge, that I am a miſerable and a wretched ſinner, and have many wayes moſt grievouſly tranſgreſſed thy moſt godly com-

Commandements, through wicked thoughts, ungodly luſts, ſinfull words and deeds, in my whole life. In ſin was I borne and conceived, and there is no goodneſſe in mee, that without thy mercy I ſhould periſh for ever; ſo little helpe, comfort, ſuccour, is there either in me, or in any other creature: onely this is my comfort, (O heavenly Father) that thou didſt give thy dearely beloved Son to the moſt vile, bitter, and ſlanderous death of the Croſſe for me, that he might ſo pay the ranſome for my ſinnes, ſatisfie thy judgement, ſtill and pacifie thy wrath, reconcile mee againe unto thee, and ſo purchaſe me thy grace, favour, and everlaſting life; wherefore through the merit of his moſt bitter death and paſſion, and through his innocent bloud-

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ſhedding, I beſeech thee, O heavenly Father, that thou wilt vouchſafe to bee gracious and merciſull unto me, to forgive and pardon mee all my ſinnes, to lighten my heart with thy holy Spirit, to renew, confirme, and ſtrengthen mee with a right and perfect faith, and to enflame me in love toward thee, & my neighbour: that I may henceforth walke as it becometh mee, in thy moſt godly commandements, and ſo glorifie and praiſe thee everlaſtingly: grant mee further O Father, that I may have a quiet heart and conſcience, and that I may in all temptations, afflictions, neceſſities, and in the very pangs of death, truſt faithfully in thee, and in thy mercies. And for that thou haſt commanded mee to pray unto thee, I

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humbly beseech thee, for all things needfull for me, and pray unto thee as thy Sonne himselfe hath taught me, saying, *Our Father, &c.*

A prayer of thanksgiving, remission of sins, necessities in this life, and life everlasting.

O God of Abraham, Isaack, and Jacob, thou God of pitty and all mercy, have mercy upon me a wretched sinner, and forgive me (I most humbly beseech thee) all my sinnes and offences that I have ever committed against thee: blot out all my misdeeds, renew a right heart, and create O God, a new spirit within mee. I thanke thee O heavenly Father, for all thy blessings and benefits which thou hast bestowed upon me,

me; continue, multiply, and increaſe thy good bleſſings upon mee: ſtretch out thy hands of bounty over mee, and with thy eyes of mercy looke upon mee; ſend me (O Lord) a ſufficient living, make mee beneficiall to all, and not chargeable unto any; bleſſe mee good Lord, and give me grace to live godly, and vertuouſly, and raigne with thee everlaſtingly: deliver me from all troubles, diſcontents, and worldly calamities: take me, O Lord, into thy owne tuition: bleſſe, proſper, and protect all my proceedings, let whatſoever I take in hand, be good, and let that come to a happy and ſucceſſive end: let me have a care not to doe any thing that ſhould offend thee, but let my whole deſire be to doe thoſe things that may

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pleaſe thee, ſend O Lord, thy Angel from Heaven to governe me, and to deliver mee (as hee did thy ſervant *Tobias*) from all dangers : ſend, O Lord, thy grace from heaven to guide me, and thy wiſdome from the higheſt heavens to teach and direct me : let me not any more fall into ſinne through frailtie : but ſo bleſſe me with thy bleſſings, that I may never offend thee, but that I may early and late, night and day, and at all times and ſeaſons give praiſe and thankes to thy heavenly Majeſtie : that I may live in this world, to thy glory and my comfort, and raigne with thee in everlaſting glory, in the world to come. Heare, O Lord, theſe my prayers, and for thy moſt deare mercies ſake, and for my ſweet Saviour Ieſus Chriſt his ſake, grant

grant my petitions. To thee O God the Father, Sonne, and holy Ghoſt, be all honour, dominion, power and glory, now and for ever, world without end, Amen.

A Prayer for forgiveneſſe of ſins, with a confeſſion of his faith.

O Lord God almightie, and Father of my Saviour Ieſus Chriſt, I moſt earneſtly beſeech thee, for thy fatherly goodneſſe, and mercy, to pardon and forgive mee all my ſinnes and offences, and through thy bountifull goodneſſe and mercy, deliver me from all thoſe ſinnes and offences, which by my frailtie, or any way elſe, I ever committed againſt thee: for I confeſſe and acknowledge, that I am a miſerable and wretched ſinner, and have

have many wayes moſt grievouſly tranſgreſſed thy moſt godly will and Commandements: through wicked thoughts, ungodly luſts, ſinnefull words and deeds in my whole life. In ſinne was I borne and conceived, and there is no goodneſſe in me: therefore through the merits of the bitter death and paſſion of thy beloved Sonne Ieſus Chriſt my Saviour, and through his innocent bloud-ſhedding, I beſeech thee, O heavenly Father, that thou wilt vouchſafe to be gracious and mercifull unto mee, to forgive and pardon mee all my ſinnes and offences, to lighten my heart with thy holy Spirit, to renew, confirme, and ſtrengthen me with a right and perfect faith: enflame in mee love toward thee and my neighbour,

that I may walk with a glad heart in thy commandements, and glorifie and praise thee everlastingly; and that I may with a clear conscience, and quiet, and cheerfull heart, in all temptations, afflictions, or necessities, cry unto thee earnestly, and say, Lord have mercy upon me a sinner, &c.

A godly Prayer for forgivenesse of sins, and all things needfull for soule and body.

O Omnipotent, eternall, and everliving God, which hast made heaven and earth, the sea, and all things contained in them; thou onely maker of all things, preserver and helper of them; with thy Sonne my Lord Iesus Christ, and the holy Ghost: O most wise, mercifull, good, strong

and righteous Judge, which haſt ſaid, thou wilt not the death of a ſinner, but that hee convert and live: I thy poore creature and worke of thy hands doe acknowledge and confeſſe my manifolde ſinnes and offences, which from my youth untill this time, in thought, word, and deed, I have moſt grievouſly committed againſt thee, and am moſt heartily ſorry for the ſame, deſiring thee for Ieſus Chriſt his ſake, to have mercy upon mee, and according to thy great mercie forgive mee all my offences; O Lord I confeſſe and acknowledge that I was borne in ſinne, and conceived in wickedneſſe, and in my fleſh dwelleth nothing that is good, and of my ſelfe I am not able to thinke a good thought, much leſſe to wiſh, and leaſt of all to doe as I ought

ought, therefore O Lord I call to thee for grace, which haſt promiſed to heare them that call upon thee: aſſiſt, O God, and guide mee with thy holy ſpirit, draw me unto thee, make me, O Lord, poore in ſpirit, vile, and low in my owne ſight, give me thy grace that whenſoever I be drawne into any ſinne and wickedneſſe, either in thought, word, or deed, that I may feele my owne infirmitie and weakneſſe, and that I may with ſpeedie repentance turne unto thee. Take from me my ſtonie, blinde, unbeleeving, doubtfull, unfaithfull, and unthankefull heart, my carnall, idle, ſecure and impenitent heart, and give me a heart to fear thee, love thee, and truſt in thee: write thy law in my heart, and mind: let me believe, truſt, and live in

thee for ever, deliver me from the ſpirit of pride, vaine glory, haughtineſſe of mind, preſumption, ſelfe love, and truſt in my ſelfe. Take from me O Lord the wicked ſpirit of ſuſpition, envie, jealouſie, grudging, whiſpering, or backe-biting, keep mee from wrath, malice, hatred, lying, evill words, contention, flattering, diſſimulation, hypocriſie, blaſpheming, vaine ſwearing, lightneſſe, idle words, and all unſtableneſſe of heart: deliver me O Lord from all filthineſſe both of the fleſh and ſpirit, from unclean thoughts, unlawfull deſires, evill concupiſcence, and luſts of the body. Take from mee covetouſneſs and care of riches, all deceit and guile, all idleneſs and ſloth, and give mee not over to an unſhamefaſt and obſtinate minde.

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Make mee able to beare wrongs with patience, and not recompence evill for evill. Make mee loath to give occasions of evill to any, and if I doe, make me willing to confesse my fault, and amend it. Take from me O Lord a carefull heart of worldly things, and grant that neither povertie oppresse me, nor riches lift me up to forget thee, but in prosperity make mee thankfull and patient, and humble in adversity: Lord make mee merry without lightnesse, sad, without mistrust; sober, without dulnesse; true without doubleness, fearing thee without desparation, trusting in thee, without presumption: give mee O Lord, the spirit of humbleness, meekenesse, simplicitie, gentlenesse, goodness, faithfulnesse, and truth: graunt mee O

God the bowels of mercie, and loving kindneſſe to my brother, long-ſuffering, and patience, to beare all things well that thou ſhalt lay upon mee: regenerate my heart with the ſpirit of grace continually: and grant mee an inward feeling of thy favour and mercy toward me, in Ieſus Chriſt my Lord, that I may know thee to bee my God and Father, and me thy childe for ever: O Lord increaſe my faith in thee, aud in Ieſus Chriſt my Redeemer, confirme my hope in thy promiſe, make perfect my love towards thee, give me a true and unfained love to all vertue, and godlineſſe: Increaſe in mee O Lord, ſtrength, and victory againſt all temptations, and aſſaults of the Devill, the fleſh, the world, and the vanities thereof,

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give mee grace to keepe a good conſcience: give me a pure heart and minde, and renew a right ſpirit within mee, give mee the true underſtanding of thy holy word, that I never ſwerve from the truth thereof, and that my chiefe felicitie may bee in the ſame, and in hearing, reading, talking, watching, praying, faſting, mortifying, and ſubduing my owne will and members. O gracious Lord Ieſus Chriſt, Sonne of the living God, which waſt crucified, and raiſed againe for mee, and all others: which ſitteſt on the right hand of the Father, and art appointed the onely Mediator for me unto God, have mercy upon me, pray to thy heavenly Father for me, ſanctifie me with thy holy Ghoſt, as thou haſt promiſed, & ſend the ſpirit of truth to abide

with me for ever, kindle my mind and heart with thy holy Spirit, that I may truely believe in thee, acknowledge, and call upon thee, give thankes unto thee, and obey thee: for I feele my selfe so charged with sinnes and infirmities, that I know not what to doe, but offer up my selfe wholly unto thy mercy, to be reformed according to thy good will and pleasure. O eternall, most mighty, and everlasting God, governe and keepe me, lighten me alwayes with thy Gospel, rule, and confirme my heart, with thy holy Spirit, and governe my study, poure on me thy spirit of grace, and prayer, make me Lord happie, and diligent, in the workes of my vocation: take into thy custodie for ever, O sweet Saviour, my soule, body, life, and all that ever I have;

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be gracious unto me, O Father, ſuccour and help me in all neceſſities, grant me all thy bleſſings, and thy holy ſpirit, to ſanctifie, and dwell in me for ever. And O Lord, have mercy upon mee, graft, plant, and ſow in my heart all vertues, and give mee grace, ſo to uſe them, and all other thy gracious gifts as may be moſt to thy glory and praiſe, to my conſolation and comfort, and to the profit of thy Church. Heare O Lord my prayers, and forgive mee all my ſinnes, and wickedneſſe that I have committed; and give mee grace truely to repent the ſame: grant unto mee, O Lord, true contrition of heart, that I may vehemently deſpiſe my ſinfull life paſt; and wholly be converted unto thee: I have ſinned O Lord I confeſſe it, and I

cannot deny it, but O my God. Pardon my treſpaſſes, releaſe my debts, and forgive mee all my ſinnes: ſtop my wounds, for I am plagued and beaten with ſinnes, and grant mee grace with patience to attend thy divine Majeſty; increaſe in me, I moſt humbly beſeech thee, O moſt gracious God, the gift of faith, that I may truly beleeve in thee, and thy promiſe made unto mee, grant this O Father, for thy deare Son Ieſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer wherein the ſinner accuſeth himſelfe for falling into ſinne, and asketh forgiveneſſe for the ſame.

DEare, tender, and moſt mercifull Father, God almigh-

tie, great, and dreadfull, which art mercifull to whom it pleaſeth thee, for thou art the Father of mercy, and God of all grace, peace, and comfort, which wilt not the death of a ſinner, I therefore earneſtly deſire thee, O Lord, to have mercy upon mee, have mercie upon me, O Lord, according to thy great mercie, and according to the multitude of thy mercies, put away my ſinnes and offences: waſh me O God from my wickedneſſe, and make mee cleane from my unrighteouſneſſe. I acknowledge my ſinnes, and doe accuſe my ſelfe of my evill deeds. I confeſſe my wickedneſſe, and rebelling againſt thy precepts. I have been a froward child, and have offended and provoked thee with all my vanities, and ſinnes; and have not exerciſed my ſelfe

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in thy laws. I have turned backe from thy wayes, and have done wickedly before thee. I have walked after my owne thoughts, and phantasies, and not as thou wouldest, but have runne from sinne to sinne, following the desires of my heart. I have displeased thee by my inventions, and none of my sinnes bee hidden from thee. I am not worthy to bee called thy sonne, woe I am, that I have gone from thee, great is my griefe, that I have led my life in sinnes; woe is me, that I have forsaken thee, and lived after my owne minde: but O Lord, forgive mee all my sinnes, doe not forget me, nor keep thy mercie longer from me, heare me now, O Lord, graciously calling upon thee: and be mercifull unto me,

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bee no longer angry with mee, nor cast not away a contrite, and penitent sinner. Turne thee againe, O Lord God, and forgive mee all my sinnes, and offences: hide not thy face from my prayers, but according to thy promises take me into thy favour, for I am one of those, O Father, whom thy Son hath redeemed with his most precious bloud, and therefore of thee, O Lord, I aske mercy, beseeching thee, to forgive mee all my sinnes, and to have mercy upon me, for thy deare Son Iesus Christ his sake, my only Lord and Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer of thanksgiving, and for Remission of sinnes.

GRant O Lord of thine unspeakeable mercie, that I may

may worthily praise and honour thee, that my mouth may speak, my heart studie, and my tongue sing thy laud and praise, heare the sacrifice of my lips, and make it acceptable in thy sight, my soul praise thou the Lord, and all that is within me, laud his holy name. I will praise thee, O God, and magnifie thy name for ever and ever; for thou art good to all, and thy mercie exceedeth all thy workes, my mouth shall give thee thankes and extoll thy holy name. O praise the Lord my God, my Maker, redeemer, nourisher, defender, strength, joy, victorie, and eternall glory: I honour thee, I glorifie thee, I worship thee, I laud and praise thee, for that it pleased thee, to make mee a reasonable man, and hast given me wisdome, understanding, and many other

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blessings spirituall and corporall; thou hast visited my heart with many graces, and holy motions, thou hast delivered me from many perils both of soule and bodie, and kept and preserved mee from many sinnes whereinto I might have fallen; for those and all other thy good blessings, most aboundantly bestowed upon mee, I a wretched sinner with all my heart most humbly laud, praise, and honour thee. O most mercifull God, I adore and give thee thankes for thy unmeasurable clemency, and infinite goodnesse whereby thou dost most mercifully suffer me to live, pardonest mee, and bestowest thy benefits upon me, let thy pittie mollifie my hardnes, thy burning charity melt my frozen heart, that I may be changed from a vessell of wrath

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unto a veſſell of mercie, and ſo being freed from my ſinnes, I may bee the more fervent in loving thee: thou art good and I evill; thou holy, I wretched; thou juſt, I unjuſt; thou light, I blind; thou life, I death; thou joy, I heavineſſe; thou ſoveraigne verity, I nothing but vainity. O Lord ſanctifie me, help me, and ſave me, waſh mee and make mee cleane, ſuffer me not to be ſeperate from thee, but from the malignant enemie: for ever hereafter defend me, that I may come and ſing to thee praiſes eternally, grant me grace to come after thee, to imitate thee, that the fervour of my future devotion may recompence in mee the follies of my former converſation, and make me pure and holy, that I may earneſtly ſeek thee, who art the fountaine of eternall life,

life, expell out of me whatſoever is evill, or amiſſe, or whatſoever diſpleaſeth thee, and deliver me I moſt humbly beſeech thee, from all ſinnes, iniquities, troubles and evils, wherewith I am encumbred; diſpoſe all my thoughts, words and works, as may be moſt agreeable to thy moſt holy will and pleaſure, keep me ever and every where from all ſinnes, wickedneſſe, and offences; deliver me in this life, from all evils, troubles and dangers, and after this life bring me to the moſt ſweet, pleaſant, and delightfull joyes of the life everlaſting, Amen.

A Prayer of a ſinner in troubles thinking long for help, and truſting in Gods mercies, deſireth help

EVen unto the Throne of thy higheſt power, I acknowledge

ledge O Lord, that I am a miſe-rable ſinner, beſeeching thee O Lord God almightie of thy good-neſſe to doe with mee according to thy great mercy. O Lord I am abaſhed and aſhamed to lift up my eyes unto thee, for my ſinnes are aſcended up into thy ſight: againſt thee O Father, againſt thee have I ſinned and done evill be-fore thee, thou ſeeſt my iniquitie is great, I have been an offender againſt thee even from my cradle, and ſince I ſucked my mothers breaſts, I have not ceaſed to doe evill. I was begotten in ſin, and brought into the world in ini-quitie. I cannot ſhake off my ſins, and offences, but carrie ſtill with me the infamie of my youth: be-hold, O Lord, I am ſold under ſin, and in my ſelfe I finde not that which is good, for the good I

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would doe, I doe not, but the evill I would not doe, I doe; all the thoughts and imaginations of my heart, have been evill ever since I was yong: let me not die in my sins, O Lord God, for thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but that he repent and live; thou art good and mercifull, and according to thy great mercy, save mee thy unworthy servant: thou hast shewed thy mercy on thousands, so have mercy upon me O Lord God omnipotent, have mercie upon me a miserable, and wretched creature; my soule is troubled; therefore O Lord heale me, looke upon me, and deliver me: How long wilt thou reject my prayers? how long wilt thou turne thy face away from me? thy hand is not weakned O Lord, but it may helpe, and thy eares are not stopped:

ſtopped : therefore O Lord heare me, how long, O God, ſhall my mind be troubled with painefull and heavie thoughts ? How long ſhall ſorrow torment my ſoule ? How long ſhall my enemies triumph over me ? Looke towards mee, O God, heare my prayers, give light unto my eyes, and let mee not ſleepe in death, nor let not my ſinnes prevaile againſt mee. Turne againe, O Lord, turne againe, and deliver my ſoule, and ſave mee for thy mercies ſake. O Lord rebuke me not in thy anger, nor puniſh mee in thy great diſpleaſure, caſt not thy darts at me, nor lay thy heavy hand upon me ; let me no longer beare thy anger, nor drinke of the cup of thy diſpleaſure. I have no health for fear of my offences, I have no reſt nor peace when I behold my ſinnes :

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my iniquities are gone over my head, and like a heavy burthen they daily presse me down: thou O Lord knowest my desire, and seest my necessitie: forgive mee all my sinnes O Lord God almighty, for thy owne sake, and for thy Sonnes sake, put out of thy sight my hainous offences; for thou hast promised forgiveness of sinnes, to them that repent them of the same; have mercie on me O good Father, have mercy on mee, and for thy glorious name, be no longer angry with me, but forgive me all my sinnes, and take mee a penitent sinner to thy mercie, for the love of our onely Saviour Iesus Christ, whom thou hast sent to obtaine mercie for my sinnes, through faith in his bloud, who liveth and raigneth now and for ever, Amen.

A Prayer for a sinner, rejoycing for the benefits received at Gods hand, and asketh still his helpe and forgivenesse of his sinnes.

I Doe rejoyce in thee, O Lord, which tookest upon thee, in thy bodie my infirmities, and sorest my paines, thou wast made weake for my sinnes, and wounded for my offences, and by thy strokes were my wounds healed; I went astray like a sheep and followed my owne wayes, thou O Lord through thy love and mercie hast redeemed mee that was lost, and by thy bloud-shed on the Crosse, hast paid my ransome, thou diddest die for my offences, and by thy precious bloud hast taken away my sinnes; turne the eyes of mercy, O Lord God, and looke upon mee, the worke

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of thy hands, and heale the infirmities of me thy weake creature, keepe mee from all evill wayes, and teach me by thy holy Spirit to chooſe the way of truth. I beſeech thee (O King of holines) by my Redeemer Chriſt, keepe mee in the right way, and unite me unto him in ſpirit, make me to goe perfectly in thy pathes, and to hate all wicked wayes, waſh my heart from malice, and cleanſe me from my ſecret ſinnes, cleanſe me, O holy Father, with the bloud of thy well-beloved Sonne, from all my ſinnes, and deliver mee from all my iniquities, purifie my heart, by thy holy Spirit, from all filthineſſe of ſinne and evill concupiſcence. O God almightie be mercifull unto mee a ſinner, and for thy glorious names ſake remember my ſinnes no longer,

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make me O God to returne from my evill wayes, and wicked thoughts: remember not the sinnes and offences of my youth, but according to thy mercie bee mindfull of me, for thy goodnesse sake. O Lord my hope is in thee, my soule trusteth in thee, my soule looketh for thee, thou art mercifull, and with thee is plenteous redemption: therefore have mercie upon mee according to the multitude of thy mercies, for thou art full of pitty and mercy, turne not therefore thy face from mee, have mercie upon mee. O Lord God my Saviour, pardon & forgive mee my sinnes, for thy names sake. O righteous Father, looke not upon the multitude of my sins, but looke on the face of thy Sonne Iesus, which bare my sinnes in his body on the Crosse:

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turn thy face therefore away from my ſinnes, and put out all my iniquities, and make me a clean heart within me; caſt mee not away from thy preſence, and take not thy holy ſpirit from me; but help and comfort me, ſtabliſh me with thy mightie Spirit: mollifie my heart that I may walke in thy waies, and not in the wayes of error; help me, and forſake me not, O Lord my God, for thy Sonne Ieſus Chriſt his ſake, Amen.

A Prayer wherein a ſinner asketh forgiveneſſe of his ſinnes: and deſireth the true armour, to be defended againſt the enemies of his ſoule, and confeſſeth God to be his Saviour.

EVerlaſting God, and moſt mercifull Father, I moſt humbly

bly beſeech thee, for thy Sonne Chriſt his ſake hear my prayers, and forgive mee all my ſinnes, and from henceforth give mee thy holy Angell to conduct and ſtrengthen mee with thy vertue, to underſtand the evill device of the World, and the appetites of the ſinfull fleſh; arme me with thy armour, the grace of thy holy Spirit, and mightie vertue; write in my heart thy holy Word, Laws, and Commandements; put upon me the breaſtplate of righteouſneſſe; direct my life and converſation according to the Goſpel of peace: give unto me the ſhield of faith, to fight againſt ſinne, and deſperation: the helmet of health unto my ſalvation, through the merits of thy dearely beloved Sonne Ieſus Chriſt: for whoſe

ſake, I poore ſinner, moſt humbly beſeech thee, that thou wilt vouchſafe to poure upon mee thy holy Spirit, to worke in my heart, minde, and ſoule, that I may alwayes doe thy will and pleaſure, and walke in this World, to thy honour; thou, O Lord, haſt made me, and given thy Sonne to die for my ſinnes; O Father, for his ſake, have mercie upon mee; O Lord Ieſus, which haſt bought me with thy precious bloud, receive me, and have mercie upon mee, and bee my mercifull Mediator to thy Father, that my ſoule may be ſaved. O holy Ghoſt, coequall with the Father and the Sonne, have mercy upon mee; O Lord God, moſt loving, and mercifull Father, I acknowledge my ſelfe unto thee, a wretched ſin-

ner ; yea, ſuch a ſinner as hath need of grace, mercie, and favour ; for in thy ſight there is no man righteous : thou, O Chriſt, art the bleſſing of God, by whom all the Nations of the world are bleſſed and made rich : thou deliveredſt me, and thy people from hell and damnation ; thou art a ſhield unto me, and unto all them that truſt in thee, thou forgiveſt all treſpaſſes, and healeſt all infirmities ; thou defendeſt me and thy people, and bleſſeſt us. Thou, O Chriſt, art my ſaving health, and ſanctifier : with thee is mercy, and plenteous redemption : Yea, thou art the true God, and Saviour : all ſoules are thine, thou redeemeſt mee, I have no other Saviour but thee, I will turne unto thee, O Lord turne unto me. I will aske mercie of the Father

ther, in thy name, and I truſt I ſhall receive it, that my joyes may bee perfect: I beleeve in thee, therefore I ſhall be ſaved; thou art the Way, the Truth, and the Life: without thee none can come to the Father. Thou cameſt into the world to ſave me, and all that were loſt, therefore I believe in thee, and hope in thee, that thou wilt raiſe me up to everlaſting life. I believe that thou wilt ſave me; have mercy on me therefore, and forgive me my ſins; O Lord, thou who liveſt and raigneſt now and for ever world without end, Amen.

A ſinner deſireth forgiveneſſe of his ſins, and a right and true faith.

O Lord, maker of Heaven and Earth, I confeſſe my ſelfe

from the very bottome of my heart, that I am a miſerable, wretched, and abhominable ſinner, and have wickedly tranſgreſſed thy godly Commandements: the ſins alas that I have committed, are as innumerable as the ſand on the Sea-ſhore, they beare mee downe as an intolerable burthen: in theſe ſinnes, O Lord God, have I walked untill this day, according to the deſires of the world, and the evill luſts of the fleſh; but whatſoever I have in this behalfe offended thy moſt godly Majeſtie, it ſore repenteth mee, and the fault grieveth mee to the very bottome of my heart; ſave me therefore, O Lord, for thy great mercies ſake; for unto thee, O God of my comfort, I wretched ſinner doe come, craving

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of thee thy mercy: incline therefore thine eares unto my calling, O Lord, and consider the requeſt of my heart: and grant unto me, O Lord, thy ſervant, the ſtrength of thy holy Spirit, to ſubdue the body of ſinne with the luſts thereof, that I may be obedient in will and mind unto thy laws; for no man can helpe me but thou O Lord, who haſt brought my ſoule out of hell, and haſt holpen me from falling into deſtruction: put away from me, O Lord, that which is evill, for thou art holy, and ſave thy ſervant which ever truſted in thee. I will acknowledge I have all my ſtrength of thee: for thou art my hope, my portion, my God and my Saviour. Have mercie therefore upon me, O Lord, and according to thy great mer-

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O Chriſt, Sonne of God, have
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give me a new heart, and a right
ſpirit to laud and praiſe thee:
turne me wholly unto thee, O
Lord, and take my ſinnes away
from me: O Lambe of God, heale
me, and I ſhall be whole: ſave
me, and I ſhall be ſaved: for thou
O Chriſt, art my hope: thou haſt
taken upon thee my diſeaſes, and
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and wilt, I truſt, pardon me all
my ſinnes: there is no ſalvation
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But in thee, nor no other name wherein I muſt be ſaved, but by thee, O Chriſt: through thee I have redemption, and remiſſion of my ſinnes: thou haſt made ſatisfaction for me: thou diedſt for me, and for my ſinnes: and waſt buried, and roſe againe, and aſcendedſt into heaven, and ſitteſt on the right hand of God in the glory of the Father: thou art my Advocate, and obtaineſt mercie for my ſinnes; thou art holy which was, is, and is to come. I beleeve that thou ſhalt come to be my Judge, therefore I beſeech thee, O Lord, let not my ſinnes loſe mee, whom thou haſt bought with thy precious bloud: but have mercy upon me, O Lord God, holy Ghoſt, have mercie upon mee, and worke thy divine grace in me, that I may be

ſaved through my Lord Ieſu Chriſt; ſave me, O Lord, for beleeve that I ſhall ſee the plea ſures of thee, in the land of th living: Grant mee, O Lord, t right and true faith: forgive me all my ſinnes, and make me daily more and more to walke in a new way, and upright life: that I may utterly deſpiſe all worldly things, that I may be content, pure of living, temperate, good, righteous, diligent in all goodneſſe, meek, mercifull, modeſt, humble, and ready to forgive all that offend me; and live all the daies of my life, according to thy divine will, and true feare, that I may die in the world to all ſinne, and to my ſelfe, and with a good confidence and a merrie heart, looke for the coming of thee O Lord, my Saviour Ieſus Chriſt, to whom

whom with thee, and the holy Ghoſt, be all honour, and glory for ever, Amen.

A prayer for a ſinner deſiring God to poure his grace upon him, who doth faithfully believe that God will freely forgive him his ſins.

HOnour and praiſe bee given to thee, O Lord God, for ſeeing whereof I ſtand in need, and ſo bleſſing mee with thy manifold bleſſings; I crave thy mercy and grace to bee my guide whereſoever I goe: receive O Ieſus, my ſoule and body into thy hands; for thou haſt bought me with thy precious bloud. O Lord ſave mee for thy mercies ſake, and be my defender all the daies of my life. Thou art the gift of the Father to ſave ſinners,

I beſeech thee, O ſweet Ieſu, ſave and deliver me from all evils, bodily and ghoſtly, now and for ever, that I may praiſe and worſhip thee in this life, and in the world to come: againſt thee, O Lord, againſt thee have I ſinned. I confeſſe that all my life time I have beene a ſinner, and have grievouſly offended thee. I have gone aſtray like a loſt ſheep, and have beene an unprofitable ſervant, and there is no goodneſſe in me: but I confeſſe my ſins, O Lord, unto thee; and doe earneſtly repent that ever I offended thee, being ſo loving a Father, and ſo gentle a Lord: and I crie with *David* and ſay, have mercy upon me, O LORD, according to thy mercies, and according to the multitude of thy mercies doe away mine offences: waſh mee throughe-

throughly from my wickedneſſe, and cleanſe me from my ſinnes; for I acknowledge my faults, and my ſinnes are ever before mee. I cry with the loſt ſon, O Father, I have ſinned againſt heaven, and againſt thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy ſonne. I cry with the Publican, and ſay, O LORD be mercifull to me a ſinner. I cry with the blind, Ieſu, ſon of *David*, have mercy upon me: and I faithfully beleeve that thou wilt freely, and mercifully forgive me all my ſinnes, be they never ſo many or grievous, if I faithfully aske them: For by faith I am made, of the child of wrath, the ſonne of God: by faith I am married unto Chriſt; by faith my heart is purified, Sathan overcome, and the world vanquiſhed; by faith I am preſerved from dam-

damnation, justified, and made righteous; by faith the wrath of God is asswaged, and I worke thy will O God: by faith my prayers are heard, and requests granted: by faith I please thee, O God, and am made the child of light; by faith I am born a new, and made the Temple of the holy Ghost: by faith I prevaile against the gates of hell, and am made the heire of thee, O God, and fellowheire with my Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ, of thy everlasting glory: faith is richer than all treasures, stronger than all corporall power, and more healthfull than all Physicians. Grant me therefore, O Lord, a true faith, and let mee cleave to the mercifull and comfortable promises of thee, O God: so shall I be sure to have remission and forgive-

neſſe of all my ſinnes. I beleeve thee, O Lord, helpe thou my unbeliefe: increaſe this my faith in mee: I moſt humbly beſeech thee for Ieſus Chriſt his ſake, mercifully to behold mee a moſt miſerable ſinner, and clearely to forgive mee all thoſe ſinnes and wickednesſes, which I have committed againſt thee from my birth untill this preſent time: forgive mee, O Lord, all my ſins for thy names ſake, though they be great, and many: remember not the ſins and offences of my youth, nor my former ſins, but according to thy mercie thinke upon me, O Lord, for thy goodneſſe ſake, and have mercy upon mee, and that right ſoone: help mee O GOD of my ſalvation; O deliver mee, and be merciſull unto me a ſinner, for the glory

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of thy name ſake; So ſhall I give thee thanks for ever and magnifie thy bleſſed name, world without end, Amen,

A very godly Prayer with many Petitions.

O Lord, poure downe thy heavenly grace, and fatherly favour upon mee, that I being aſſured of thy favourable goodneſſe toward mee, may rejoyce, and glorie in thee; vouchſafe, O ſweet Father, to ſend thy holy Spirit unto me, which may make me a new creature; put away from mee all fleſhly luſts, fill my heart with new affections, and ſpirituall motions; and thorow his godly inſpiration, renew me both in body and ſoule; that I may die unto ſinne, and

live unto thee in newneſſe of life, ſerving thee in holineſſe, and righteouſneſſe, all the daies of my life. O ſend thy wiſedome out of thy holy heavens, and from the throne of thy Majeſtie, that ſhee may be with me, and teach me thy will, and what is acceptable in thy ſight, conduct me rightly in thy workes, and preſerve me in thy power; remove from me, O heavenly Father, my lewd, ſtubborne, and unfaithfull heart, and create in mee a cleane and godly heart: cleanſe me from all wicked thoughts: breath into my heart, through thy holy Spirit, godly and ſpirituall motions, that I may bring forth good workes, to the praiſe and glory of thy holy name: graunt mee, O Lord, a quiet mind, and a contented conſcience, free from the damna-

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ble accuſations of Sathan, from the craftie perſwaſions of the world, from the ſubtill enticements of the fleſh: give unto me the precious gift of faith: give mee Chriſtian love, and perfect charity, that I may love thee my Lord and God, with all my heart, with all my minde, ſoule and ſtrength. Let mee love my neighbours as my ſelfe: give me grace patiently to ſuffer my enemies; to forgive, and pray for them. Take from mee all pride, and haughtineſſe of mind: graft in me true humilitie, give mee grace to be mercifull, and liberall to all that have need; preſerve my ſoule from all vice, and my body from ſickneſſe: make mee able with ſtrong faith to reſiſt Sathan; with fervent prayer to mortifie the luſts of the fleſh; with meditation

tation of thy holy law, to avoid the vanities and pleaſures of this wicked world; ſuffer me not to be overcome of Satan nor his ſervants, but grant me a ſtrong faith to overcome them: ſend thy heavenly Angels to pitch their tents about me: and deliver me from their tyrannies. Make mee of that number, O Lord, whom thou haſt ordained to be ſaved: place me among thy ſheep, write me in thy book of life: Grant me theſe petitions, and whatſoever elſe is needfull for mee, O moſt mercifull Father, for thy deare Sonne Ieſus Chriſt his ſake; to whom with thee, and the holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, world without end, Amen.

A Prayer for grace and remiſſion of ſinnes.

O Almightie God and Father of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, the God of all comfort and conſolation, have mercie upon mee, heare my prayers; I moſt humbly beſeech thee, for thy deare Sonne Ieſus Chriſt his ſake, for his merits, and the cruell death hee ſuffered, to deliver me from eternall death; ſend into my heart the ſpirit of truth, to work in me a true, ſtedfaſt, and lively faith; that the brightneſſe and cleareneſſe of thy Goſpell may ſhine in me and lighten my mind, that I may underſtand the unſpeakeable riches of my redemption in and by Chriſt: open the eyes of my mind, that I may know what the hope is whereun-

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to thou haſt called me; and how rich the glory of thine inheritance is: that by true faith I may be an unfained profeſſor of thy holy name, and worſhip thee in ſpirit and truth. Write in my heart the love of thy Law, and hate to all ſinne: be mercifull unto me, I heartily beſeech thee moſt mercifull Father, for thy Chriſt his ſake, and for his deaths ſake, thy mercie, truth, and promiſe ſake, have mercie upon mee, pardon and forgive me all my ſinnes, iniquities, and offences whatſoever I have committed againſt thee, in thought, word, or deed, at any time heretofore by any meanes. Though I be poore, my Chriſt is rich; though I be a ſinner, he is righteous; though I be impure, yet he is pure and holy: for his ſake therefore bee mercifull unto

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me: wash me from my filth and wickednesse, cleanse me from my evill; forgive me my sinnes: forget my iniquities, poure out thy holy Spirit upon me, write thy law in my heart, grave it in my mind, give me the Spirit of prayer; make me diligent and happy in the workes of my vocation: take into thy custody and governance for ever my soule, and my body, my life, and all that ever I have. Tempt mee never further than thou wilt make me able to beare: And whatsoever thou knowest I have need of in soule or body, deare God, and gracious Father, vouchsafe to give me the same: and as thy child guide mee, so that my life may please thee, and my death praise thee, through Iesus Christ my Lord. For whose sake I heartily pray thee

thee to grant mee theſe things thus asked; and all other things neceſſary for my ſoule and body; and grant unto mee poore creature thy bleſſings and holy Spirit to ſanctifie me, and dwell in me as thy deare child: to keep me this day and for ever from all ſinnes and evill, to thy eternall glory, and my everlaſting comfort, and the profit of thy Church, which mercifully maintaine, cheriſh, and comfort: keep me in thy truth, poure upon me, O Lord, thy holy Spirit of grace and wiſdome, to governe and leade my body and ſoul in thy holy word and commandements: ſhew thy mercy upon mee, and ſo lighten the naturall blindnes of my heart, that I may daily be renewed by thy holy Spirit. Open my hard heart, and groſſe eares, to read thy

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word, heare thy heavenly voyce, and believe, and follow it in my life and conversation, and ever hold fast that blessed hope of everlasting life: mortifie and kill all vice in me, that my life may expresse my faith in thee: mercifully heare the humble supplication of thy servant, and grant me thy peace all my daies: for Christ his sake be mercifull unto mee: cast all my sinnes out of thy sight, pardon my infirmity, and defend me in all dangers, both outwardly in my body, goods and name, and inwardly in my Soule, against all temptations, and subtill baits of Sathan: grant that I may truely and godly serve thee; increase in me true Religion, repleniſh me with all goodnesse, and of thy great mercy keepe mee in the same unto the end; give unto

to me the ſpirit of prayer; true humility; perfect patience; and continuall joy in the holy Ghoſt: and foraſmuch as I muſt be at warre with many enemies, grant mee grace, and arme me with thy defence, that I may ſtand with an invincible conſtancie againſt all corruption, wherewith I am compaſſed on all ſides, untill ſuch time as I having ended this combat, which during life I muſt ſuſtaine, I may in the end attaine to thy heavenly reſt, which is prepared for mee, through Ieſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Another Prayer for remiſſion of ſinnes.

O Eternall God, behold me a poore and ſinfull creature, and a worme of the earth: againſt

thee, O holy Father, against thee have I sinned: gracious God, cast not away a contrite and penitent heart, humbly calling upon thee; but turne thine eyes of mercie toward me; and forgive me the sins of my youth; cast me not away, neither take thy holy Spirit from me; but give me the comfort of thy helpe, and stablish me in thy truth; keepe me thy poore creature; and destroy me not because of my iniquity, but be mercifull unto me, for thy Son Iesus Christ his sake: let not thy heavy hand of Justice destroy mee; neither leave me in my sinnes: pittifull Father, even of thee which art the God of mercy, I wretched sinner doe aske mercy, and forgiveneſſe of all my sinnes; therefore for the glory of thy name deliver me from sinne; and forgive me

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all my ſins: for as thou art God, ſo art thou gracious and mercifull, and wouldeſt that none ſhould periſh, but all ſhould bee ſaved. Spare me O Lord; and for thy names ſake, forgive mee all my ſins; and put out of thy ſight all my offences; give mee a new heart; and take from me all wicked deſires, that I may evermore live according to thy will: give unto my eyes good ſtore of light, that I ſleepe not to death, and that my ſinnes prevaile not againſt me: worke in me, O holy Spirit, that I may ever deſire, and covet that which is moſt pleaſant and acceptable in thy ſight; and that I have no deſire to will or not to will, but as thou wilt. O God, moſt holy, mighty, and mercifull Saviour, be mercifull unto mee; and caſt mee not off in my age;

forſake me not, nor ſhut not thy eares from my prayers; but be mercifull unto mee, and forgive me all my ſinnes. Moſt deare and bleſſed Saviour, comfort the ſoule of thy ſervant; for unto thee doe I lift up my heart and mind: ſhew me thy mercy, and grant me thy ſalvation; early in the morning will I cry unto thee, for thou art good and gracious, and of great mercie to them that call upon thee: deliver me from among the wicked, that I may give thankes unto thy holy name: make mee to underſtand thy truth; knit my heart unto thee, that I may feare thy name. Turne thee unto me, and have mercie upon me; and give me thy helpe and ſuccour; heare the Prayer of thy ſervant; hide not thy face from mee, but have mercie upon me; I will al-

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way call upon thy name: be thou preſent with me, and forſake me not; but in the day of judgement, vouchſafe, O bleſſed King, to place mee among thine elect and holy people, that I may behold the glorious countenance of thy divine Majeſtie, and be filled with the exceeding ſweetneſſe of thy bleſſed preſence, which is life everlaſting; grant this for thy mercies ſake, Amen.

A Prayer for true Repentance.

O Lord God which art full of mercie, and compaſſion, long-ſuffering, and of great goodneſſe, which continueſt thy mercie for thouſands, taking away iniquity, ſins, and offences: thou calleſt after thy wonted mercie by thy word to repentance, and

hearty converſion: for unto all and every one is repentance and forgiveneſſe of ſinnes preached in thy name. I acknowledge the riches of thy lenity, patience, and long ſuffering; in that thou doeſt not ſuddenly take away ſinners from the earth, nor overthrow them in their wicked deeds doing; but giveſt them ſpace to repent, which is a moſt notable argument, that thou wilt not the death of a ſinner, but that he be converted and live: for thou art mercifull over all, and forbeareſt the ſins of men for their amendment: thou loveſt all things that are, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made; therefore unto thee, O moſt mercifull God, doe I cry, which knoweſt the hardneſſe of my heart, and that I have no power of my ſelfe to riſe up.

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Convert me therefore, O Lord, and I ſhall be converted. O ſhew me my offences, that ſtriking my thighes, I may be heartily ſorry for my ſinnes committed; heale me, O Lord, and I ſhall be whole; ſave me, and I ſhall be ſaved; for thou art my praiſe: behold me a ſheepe wandring, and ready to periſh; ſeek thy ſervant, O Lord, that I forget not thy Commandements. O Ieſus Chriſt looke upon me with the eyes of pitty, as thou lookedſt on the ſinfull woman in the banquet, which proſtrate at thy feet, did bitterly bewaile her wickedneſſe; favour mee as thou didſt the Publican; who ſtanding a farre off in the Temple, and ſtriking his breaſt, ſaid, Lord bee mercifull to mee a ſinner: grant that among the feares and terrors of Conſcience

I may take hold of thee by a lively faith, which hast redeemed me from the curse of the law, and art made for me wisedome, righteousnesse, sanctification, and redemption: keepe mee, O Lord, from desperation; and let me flee to thee my Mediator, and through faith have peace with God. Restore in me the light of thy law; that from my heart I may obey thee my Redeemer, and walk in newnesse of life; thou which hast suffered for me in the flesh, give me grace, that likewise in the same mind I may be armed for the mortification of the flesh; that I live not after the lusts of men, but after the will of God. I am sorry that I have spent the time of my life that is past in wantonnesse, in lusts, in excesse of eating, and drinking, and other sins and wickednesse:

kedneſſe : mollifie my heart, that I may earneſtly repent all my former ſins and offences ; and for thy moſt deare mercies ſake, O Lord, forgive me the ſame ; keepe the devill under, that he trouble not my conſcience with reckoning up my ſinnes, or extenuating thy mercy ; but grant mee truely to come unto thee by hearty repentance ; and that I may at all times, and in all places, lifting up pure hands, pray unto thee, and ſay, Lord forgive me all my ſins and offences ; and with deep ſighing, and ſure confidence, confidently perſiſt in making my praiers, ſupplications, interceſſions, and giving of thanks for all thy temporall and heavenly benefits and bleſſings beſtowed upon me. Heare, O Lord, both now and evermore, all my prayers, and grant my re-

queſts for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake; who liveth and raigneth with thee in the unity of the holy Spirit, one God now and for evermore, Amen.

A Prayer for the remiſſion of ſinnes.

O Mercifull God, if I wretched ſinner, had not promiſes in the holy Scriptures of thy tender mercies, for the comfort of my weake conſcience and ſorrowfull heart, I ſhould have no remedy (my ſinnes are ſo great) but muſt deſpaire. But though my ſinnes were never ſo many, and abhominable, yet thy loving kindneſſes are more innumerable, and thy mercies more infinite; thou wilt not the death of a ſinner, but that hee turne and live: thou cameſt into the world

world to call ſinners, to ſave offenders, to ſeek that was loſt, to eaſe thoſe that were loaden with ſinne. O put my evill thoughts out of thy ſight; waſh me & make me cleane; make me leave to doe evill, and learne to do good; apply my ſelfe to equity; aſſiſt the oppreſſed; help the fatherleſſe; heare the widows; & let my ſcarlet ſins be made as white as ſnow; and my purple offences like pure white wooll. Caſt my miſdeeds behind thy back, and never more remember them: forgive me my ſinnes; heale my infirmities; ſave me from deſtruction; and crowne me with mercy and loving kindneſſe; deale not with me according to my ſins; nor reward me after my wickedneſſe. Look how wide the Eaſt is from the Weſt, ſo far haſt thou ſet my ſinnes from

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me as a Father pittieth his owne children, even so art thou mercifull to them that feare thee; thou knowest we are as glasse, and as a flower of the field, which soone fadeth away; but thy mercifull goodnesse endureth for ever.

O most gentle Saviour, thou art my loving shepheard, which hast sought mee running astray, laid me on thy mercifull shoulders, & brought me home to the company of thy faithfull. There is no whole part in my body, from the sole of the foot to the crown of the head, but all is wounds, sores, and stripes, which can never be bound up, mollified, and eased, except thou O Lord helpe me; O Lord, make cleane my wounds; poure the wine and oyle of spirituall gladnesse into them; binde them up; make them perfectly whole; and

and bring them into thy everlaſting habitation: heale me, and I ſhal be whole; ſave me, and I ſhall be ſaved: O Father, receive me home; embrace me in thy arms; favour me, that have ungodly and lewdly beſtowed thy godly and vertuous gifts; which prodigall living greatly grieveth mee, and I am moſt heartily ſorry, that I have ſo hainouſly offended againſt thee. I moſt humbly beſeech thee to have mercie upon mee; forgive me my ſinnes, and receive me into thy favour.

Take from mee the ragges of impiety; and cloath me with the garment of innocency; and putt on me the ſhooes of peace, that I may walke in the wayes of thy holy Commandements; and give me grace unfainedly to repent, and amend my life, that the Angels

gels in Heaven may rejoyce at my converſion; waſh me more and more from my ſinnes, that I may be cleane, and appeare beautifull in thy glorious ſight; and reſt for ever in thy heavenly Manſion, Amen.

A Prayer for bleſſings and forgiveneſſe of our ſinnes.

O Heavenly Father, I beſeech thee give mee grace to flee from all ſinne, drunkeneſſe, and gluttony; as from beaſtly vices, and peſtilent peſtilences; and uſe thy good creatures ſoberly, temperately and thankfully: keep me from fulfilling the luſts of the fleſh; let me watch and pray, that I fall not into the ſnares of the divel; and live ſoberly, watch warily, pray

pray continually; looke diligently for the comming of my Saviour, that I may be ready to enter with him into everlasting glory. O Saviour, give me grace to visit the sicke, and prisoners; comfort the fatherlesse; feed the hungry; cloath the naked; lodge the harbourlesse; and doe those things which are most acceptable in thy sight.

I confesse and acknowledge unto thee my sinnes and offences; my transgressions are infinite, as the sand of the sea: I have departed from thee, and have not kept thy commandements as thou hast commanded me: give mee thy righteousnesse; and forgive me all my sins: Finally, I beseeeh thee, most mercifull Father, deliver me from this evill world; humane feare, and all infirmities of the flesh

flesh and mind, from false Prophets, bad brethren, and lewd persons: Defend me from the hands of mine enemies; from all evils present and to come, both in soule and body: give me grace to serve thee in good works; and for thy name sake, deliver me from all evill: arme me with thy holy armor; weapon me with thy blessed Word: Instruct me by thy holy Spirit, that I may serve thee in holinesse and righteousnesse all the daies of my life: break the bonds of my sins; shake them out of thy sight; fully forgive me all my offences; and let me possesse the inheritance of thy heavenly Kingdome. To thee O Father, Creator, protector, governor, and defender, and to thy beloved Son Iesus Christ our Peace-maker, Mercie seat, Redeemer, Justifier, and Advocate,

Advocate, and thy holy ſpirit our Sanctification, Wiſedome, Teacher, Inſtructor, and Comforter, be all dominion, power, and glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

A very fervent prayer for remiſſion of ſinnes, and many good petitions.

GRant mee moſt gracious God, thankfully to acknowledge thy great mercy; make me encreaſe in repentance, faith, prayer, in contemning the world, in hearty deſiring life everlaſting, and thy bleſſed preſence. Grant mee (O moſt gracious Lord) thy holy and ſanctifying Spirit, that I may heartily and faithfully pray unto thee with a pure and cleare mind, with an humble and lowly heart; accept me into thy favour; write thy law in my heart; and

and ſo worke in me, that I may believe in thee, feare thee, love thee, obey thee, and ſerve thee, as thou requireſt. O loving Lord, forgive me my unthankefulneſſe, and all my ſins. O Father, aſſure me of my everlaſting ſalvation in Chriſt; reveale thy truth unto me; confirme, ſtrengthen, and ſtabliſh me in the ſame, that I may live as a veſſell of thy mercy: endue me with the ſpirit of wiſedome; keep me that I follow not the counſell of the wicked; walk not in the way of ſinners; nor fulfill the luſts and deſires of the fleſh; guide my luſts; & conduct me, that I may do thoſe things that pleaſe thee, and hate thoſe that offend thee; faſten me, and plant me ſure in the land of the living; and let me not be carried away with vehement blaſts of the wicked world; direct & order

der my pathes, that I may walk in thy waies; arme me with patience, and assist me with thy holy Spirit, that I may shake off the bonds of the wicked; and cast away the yoke of sin and impiety; so guide me that I may alwayes serve thee in truth, and verity, and in true faith obey thee. I beseech thee receive me under thy blessed safegard; be my buckler; give me thy succour, that I may walke in thy truth before thee, and rejoyce only in thee: O Lord heare me lamentably calling upon thee: O Christ, which art my righteousnesse and innocency, comfort me in all adversity. Heare me mercifully when I call upon thee; make me live in awe of thee; and evermore be afraid to offend thee, or sinne against thee: give me the light of thy countenance; and let me feele, and taste

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thy favourable goodneſſe. Grant me peace and tranquilitie, firme hope, and ſtedfaſt faith in thee. Have compaſſion on me, for I am ſore vexed; heale my ſoule, help me, and deliver me from all my ſinnes; for thy mercies ſake hear my lamentable voice; heare my ſorrowfull cry; grant my petitions; confound my enemies; deliver me from all inconveniences; free me from all griefe and heavineſſe: grant I be not overcome with the deceits of the wicked; lighten mine eyes, that I may rightly diſcerne thee, and walk conſtantly in the way of truth, through a ſtedfaſt faith. O Lord God, conſider me, regard me with the eyes of thy mercy; keep me from ſin, and ſinners; let my heart rejoyce in thy ſalvation, that I may ſing praiſes, and render thanks unto thee for

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that thou haſt delivered me from all my ſinnes and tranſgreſſions; free me from all impiety and ignorance, that I may earneſtly ſeeke thee; keepe me as the Apple of thine eye; defend me under the ſhadow of thy wings; and ſatisfie me with the deſire of thy glory: ſhew me thy way; teach me thy pathes; deliver me from all ungodlineſſe; wipe out all my ſins and offences; and clearely forgive me all my miſdeeds, for thy moſt deare mercies ſake, Amen.

A moſt godly prayer for repentance and life everlaſting.

O God Almighty, that haſt created mee of nothing in the Celeſtiall forme of mankind; and by thy holy Word governed and taught me to know, confeſſe, honour, and ſerve thy omnipotent

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Majeſtie; ſo as where I was farre from thee by ſin, I am now by thy grace brought neere thee, and reconciled to thy favour as a ſonne. Therefore as one environed with many ſorrows, perils, wretchednesſe, and calamities, amidſt the ſwarmes of innumerable enemies that ſeek to ſpoile me: I call for thy help, which art the onely ſure and invincible fortreſſe wherein I may be ſaved. O Father, ſtretch forth thy mighty hand, and give me a joyfull victory againſt the power of the malicious enemies that would ſpoile me: from the bottome of my heart I cry unto thee to ſave me; and for the love of thy deare Sonne, deliver me from all ſin, and the power of darkneſs; and by thy holy Spirit leade and guide me in thy light, and pathes of thy moſt glorious and heavenly

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grace, that in this ſhort and tranſitory life (be ſet round with many ſtormes, perils, and deceits to perdition) I may alwayes cleave faſt unto thee; and utterly deſpiſing all earthly pompe and vanity, I may poſt unto the Port of perpetuall peace and ſafety, there to poſſeſſe the triumphant and eternall joyes which are prepared for thine elect.

Open the eyes of thy fatherly pitty I beſeech thee; and give me grace earneſtly to repent my miſdeeds; put away my ſins and forgive me all my offences; renew whatſoever is decayed in me, either by the fraud and deceit of the devill, the vanities of the world, or my owne carnall will and frailty; let me put my whole truſt in thy mercy; impute not my ſins unto me, but take me into thy favour,

vour, and bleſſing: ſtrengthen mee with thy holy Spirit; poure upon mee the manifold gifts of thy grace, the ſpirit of Wiſdome, Truth, Meekeneſſe, Love, Peace, and Patience, that I may live here in this life godly and vertuouſly; die in thy faith and feare, and raigne with thee in the world to come in everlaſting glory, Amen.

A Prayer of thanksgiving, & for remiſſion of ſinnes.

O Almighty, and eternall God, our gracious and mercifull Father, all praiſe, honour, and glory be given to thee. O let mee extoll, and praiſe thy name for ever and ever: for thou heareſt my prayers, granteſt my requeſts, and abundantly poureſt thy graces and benefits upon me; thou choſedſt me before all eternitie, write my

my name in thy booke, and made me fellow-heire of thine everlasting Kingdom, I will praise thee for creating me after thine owne similitude and image, in wisdom, innocency, holinesse, and righteousnes, little inferiour to the Angels: for redeeming my soule and body from destruction, for forgiving mee my sinnes, and delivering me from death everlasting. I thank thee for that precious Jewell of thy sacred Word, for teaching & comforting me, for preserving my soule and my body in health, peace, and liberty, for the use of thy good creatures, both for my necessity & delight, for foode to nourish me, apparell to cloath me, the benefit of rest to refresh me. O gracious God, give mee thy special grace, that I may morning and evening, and at all

times praise and highly magnifie thee, and ever offer this sacrifice, even the calves of my lips unto thy heavenly Majestie : sanctifie my senses to thy honor & glory, charge thine angels to pitch their tents about me and save me. Give me power & strength against Sathan, sin, iniquitie, and all ungodlines, and let me never more offend thee: blesse my endeavors, the beginnings and issues of all my affaires, fill my heart with thankfulnesse to thee, and charity to others, protect mee in all places, defend me from all dangers, and let thy blessings be with mee whersoever I become. O Lord grant mee grace still to praise thee, & ever heartily to pray unto thee, good Lord heare mee and freely forgive me all my sins, for Jesus Christs sake: To whom

with thee, and th holy Ghoſt, be all prayſe, thankes, honour and glory, now and for evermore, Amen.

A very devout Prayer for repentance, and all other things whatſoever needfull, and life everlaſting.

OMoſt mighty God of Angels and men, whoſe wiſdome is infinite, & judgments unſearchable, heare the prayers of thy ſervant, and give eare to the humble petitions of thy poore creature. O let mee encline my ſoule unto thee, and ſet my eyes upon thee, turne thy anger away from mee, and let mee finde favour in thy ſight. Heale my ſoule that hath ſinned, free me from my tranſgreſſions, plucke mee from my offences, for I acknowledge my

faults, and am sorry for my sins. Pride and arrogancy hath beguiled me, foolish boldnes overtaken me, & my owne counsells & devices misled me, thou hast coũselled me, and I followed it not, thou diddest strike me, & I regarded it not, thou didst correct me, and I received not thy discipline: have mercy upon me, O Lord, have mercy upõ me, I most humbly beseech thee, hear my prayers, forgive the sins of my youth, and turne thy displeasure from me. Come unto me O Lord, and save me, destroy not my soule whom thou hast so mightily redeemed, but arise and deliver me, save me for thy mercies sake: grant me sorrow for my sinnes, and a fountaine of teares for my offences, that I may daily bewaile my iniquities. Let my prayer enter into thy,

thy preſence, and my crye come unto thee, helpe me in my troubles, heare my prayers, and freely forgive me all my ſinnes. O God almighty behold me thy unworthy ſervant, give me thy holy ſpirit, fervently to deſire thy Kingdome, acknowledge thy will, and work thereafter: give me wiſedome, conſtancy, patience, and ſtrength in thee, let thy mighty arme preſerve me from the invaſion of the devil, the curſings of evil tongues, the malignity of the wicked world. Give me grace to repent my miſdeeds, be ſorry for my ſins, and penitent for my offences. Make me love juſtice, hate wrong, and abſtaine from evill, take care of my ſoule, forgive me my ſins, and ſave me thy ſervant. Give me what thou wilt, as much as thou wilt, and when thou wilt

doe with me as thou wilt: put me where thou wilt: and in al things rule me as thou wilt: grant mee grace to despise worldly vanities, mortifie carnall affections, and give my mind wholy to heavenly meditations: assist mee with thy grace, strengthen me with thy heavēly power, comfort me with thy holy Spirit, that neither my cruell enemy, my wretched flesh, or subtile spirit, have domination over me. Deliver me O Lord I beseech thee, from the cares of this world, keepe me from bodily necessities, let me not be overcome with voluptuous pleasures of the world, the allurements of the flesh or instigation of the Devill. Let not flesh & blood overcome mee, the world with his vain glory deceive me, nor the fiend with his manifold crafts supplant me, but

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give me ghoſtly ſtrength in reſiſting them, patience in ſuffering them, and conſtancy in perſevering to the end. Give mee for worldly delights, the ſweet conſolation of thy holy Spirit; for fleſhly love, the fervent love of thee, and thy heavenly wiſdome, that I may ſeeke thee, find thee, and above all things faithfully ſerve thee: In temptation ſtrengthen me: In tribulation ſuccour me, & from all my enemies both bodily and ghoſtly, freely deliver me. Give me grace to deſpiſe all worldly things, all motions of ſin, and let no vanity deceive me. End (ô Lord) my miſeries, deliver me from the bondage of ſin, and grant me a ful ſight and contemplation of thy glory, thorow Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer or meditation whereby the contemplation of light and darknesse is stored up, with a remembrance of the shortnesse of our life, and for life everlasting.

AS my body O Lord, is compassed wth thy blessed light, so let my mind with thy heavēly light be illuminated, and as thou giveſt me corporall light, so I beseech thee give me spiritual light, for sure I beleeve my body shall be as cleare as the Sun, in the day of Judgment, and as the Sun riseth in the morning, is higheſt at noon, & in the evening draweth downward, so my life & al things in this world (how glorious soever) being at the higheſt, decreaſe & wear away: grant me therefore (O God) a quiet and contented mind, which is moſt like thy holy

ly name. And as houſes are ordained to keep us from the injury of weather, cruelty of beaſts, diſquietnes of the people, & dangers of the world, ſo grant moſt gracious father that my body may enter into thy heavenly Manſion, wherein my body and ſoule may have reſt, peace, & joy everlaſting. O take from me this vaile of ſin, and let me ever have cleare light in my mind, and as I am not ſory when the Sunne goeth downe, ſo let me rejoyce in death whereby I come to thy heavenly habitation. Thou which art the Author of light, take away the dimneſſe of my mind, and let me ſee clearely, let thy word be a Lanthorn unto my feete, and a light unto my pathes: as after the day I give my ſelfe to reſt in the night, ſo moſt meek Father, govern and prepare

me, that after this life, I may rest and live with thee in eternal glory. Nothing is so like life as day, nothing is so like death as night, nothing so like the grave as the bed, and as I feare not to enter my bed and sleep, so let mee not feare to dye, but prepare my selfe for it, that after the temptations, troubles, and tempests of this world be ended, I may enjoy that heavenly, pleasant, & delectable rest, that is prepared for thine elect, which grant mee sweete Father, for thy Son my Saviour Jesus Christ his sake, to whom with thee and the holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, Amen.

A prayer to spend our life, so as we may live in heaven eternally.

DEare Father, God of heaven and earth, I miserable & sinful

full creature, do proſtrate my ſelf before thy Majeſtie, deſiring thee from the bottome of my heart to be merciful unto me, & though I am not worthy to receive the leſt favour of thee, and from thee, yet of thy fatherly care over me, thou giveſt me thy bleſſings abundantly, yet my weake nature is ſuch as I forget from whence theſe good graces flow, & am no way thankfull for the ſame, but like the gurmundizing Glutton, continue in my vaine deſires and worldly pleaſures, which in a moment ſhall vaniſh; endue me therefore moſt dear Father, with thy holy ſpirit, and give me grace to ſpend the ſhort pilgrimage of my life, wholy in thy teſtimonies, that I may joy in the ſervice of thee, & continually be carefull to pleaſe thee, ſo that when thou ſhalt

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mow up the root of this transitory life, I may be ready like the wise Virgins with my lampe burning, that passing from this dark vale of misery, I may be received to thy bright joy and everlasting habitation, Amen.

A prayer to God to take care of us, preserve us, & forgive us our sins.

O Father that mad'st the light, lighten mine eyes, that I sleepe not in death, & let not my enemies or sinnes prevaile against me, drive me from the darknes of ignorance, and illuminate mee with thy holy spirit that I may despise the deceitful delights of this world, & earnestly strive for the true joyes of heaven, that I may hartily forsake al transitory things and endeavor to attain things eternall: preserve me from the assaults

ſaults of the devil, keep me from all ſin, and deliver me from ſuddaine death, grant me ſolace in tribulation, aſſiſtance in temptation, & after death ſave me from condemnation. I beſeech thee, and from the bottome of my heart intreate thee, to direct mee in the way of thy commandements, that I may begin, continue, & end my life to thy glory, & the ſalvation of my ſoule, keep me from ſin, reſtrain me from iniquity, coole the heat of my cõcupiſence, that raigneth in me, let me leade the remnant of my life in thy feare and love, direct my heart, body, ſenſes, ſpeeches, and actions, in thy law and works of thy Commandements, that leaving the delights of this world, I may thirſt for thy kingdome. Curb the devil that he hurt me not, grant me thy mer-

mercy and forgive me my sinnes. Furthermore, O Lord, give mee purity of heart, austerity of the flesh, mortification of my appetites. Watch my eyes, and bridle my tongue, let me desire nothing but thee, and be evermore mindefull of thee. Give me humility of heart, patience, obedience, meeknesse, charity, constancy, & endue me with thy heavenly grace, and Christian goodnesse, Amen.

A prayer for the ayde and protection of God in our affaires.

O Omnipotent & eternal God who art the life, the way, and the truth, behold I walke among the temptations of the Devil, the snares of the world, and frailty of the flesh: open therefore, O Lord, my eyes, be thou my guide and

and conduct me right, be in my way, O Lord, my ſuccour and ſolace: in heate a ſhelter: in cold a garment: in wearineſſe a reſt: in ſhipwrack a haven: guide me in thy paths, & teach me thy wayes, beate me down and humble mee, that I truſt not in tereſtrial things but erect my ſpirit & mind to heaven, and there to faſten my hope; direct my intent to that end, and let me ſo live on earth, as I may be received into thy everlaſting kingdom. Grant that I may learn ſo to reſt in thee, and truſt in thy bleſſinsg, that I may abſtain from all evil, look after celeſtial riches and learne to bee content with what it ſhal pleaſe thee to beſtow upon me. Lord have mercy upon me, and heare my prayers, turne my ſins frõ thee, and ſave me for thy mercies ſake, there is no man

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can heale me, nor deliver my soul but thou O Lord: My destruction commeth of my self, my hope and salvation standeth only in thee: in the time of reconciliation heare me, in the day of death deliver me, and for thy mercies sake have mercy upō me, be mercifull unto me, which have none but thee to helpe mee, destroy me not because of mine iniquity, nor be no longer angry with me, let my prayers ascend unto thee, and be thou my health and salvation: I acknowledge I have many wayes from my youth hitherto most grievously offended thy divine Majestie, for which ô God be merciful unto me a most wretched sinner, forgive all that is past, save and defend me from all evill hereafter, confirme me in a godly life, to the honor and glo-

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ry of thy bleſſed name, Amen.

A very good Prayer for forgiveneſſe of ſinnes.

O Celeſtiall Lord, omnipotent and eternall Father, I bleſſe thy divine Majeſty, I praiſe thy infinite bounty & mercy, I magnifie thy eternal wiſedom and truth which with thy mighty hand haſt ever defended me from all perils, dangers, and enemies; comfort me cheriſh me, maintain me, and for ever hereafter defend me, that my mouth may ſet forth thy glory: Praiſe the Lord, O my ſoul, I will praiſe the Lord, and all my life ſing praiſes unto his holy name. Preſerve and defend my ſoul and my body from all perils, preſerve me from worldly ſlanders, drive mine enemies from me, guard & protect me that I never offēd thee

or with my sins grieve thee, early in the morning let me seek thee, in the evening let me praise thee, & be ever carefull to please thee: punish mee not according to my sins, but be mercifull unto me for thy great goodnesse and mercies sake. Reprove me not, O Lord, in thine anger, nor correct me in my wickednesse: shew me thy mercy & grant me thy salvation, free me from thine anger, deliver me from sudden death, & save & keepe me from eternall damnation. Grant that I may so follow holines all my life, that thy glory may shine in my good works, & that I may enterprize nothing, but that wch shall be to thy praise and glory: Exempt me from the world & all filthinesse of the flesh, keepe me so diligently, that I may follow true goodnesse and piety. Grant I may

may apply my heart unto thee, purge it from all immundity and filthines, make me abſtaine from al evil deeds, deceits, and cruelty. Deliver me from ſin, wickednes, and all evill, ſend thy holy Angel to guide me in my doings, and keep me in thy waies, that I may not doe, thinke, or wil any thing contrary unto thy holy will and commandements: let me ſing and rejoyce before thee, worſhip and ſerve thee, & come into thy preſence with mirth. Thou madeſt me, I am a ſheepe of thy flocke, remember not O Lord the ignorance of my youth, but according to thy great mercy be mindful of me, turne my wailing into joy; cut my ſack of ſorrow into pieces and cloath me with celeſtial gladnes, that I may ſing to thy glory, world without end, Amen.

A good prayer for a sinner, and for Gods grace to keepe him from sins, and grant him life everlasting.

O Lord let thy graces spring in my heart, suffer me not to perish with the ungodly, direct me with thy rule of justice, make plain thy way before me, lest the wicked spirit put me out of it, defend me with thy grace as a shield gather me under thy wings, and keep me safe among thy feathers, send thy truth & light to lead me and bring me to thy holy dwelling. O my soul, trust in the Lord, he is my God & my helper. Have mercy upon me, O Lord thou God of all things, have respect unto me, send me thy feare and bestow on me thy mercy.

Awake O my soule, and stand up from death, that Christ may lighten

lighten thee with the beames of his mercy: ſhew me the way that I ſhal walk in, & deliver me from mine enemies, for I flie unto thee. Teach me to do thoſe things that ſhall pleaſe thee, let mee put my truſt in thee, and have mercy upon me, looke upon my adverſity and miſerie, and forgive me all my ſinne, O keepe my ſoule and deliver me, and let me never bee confounded, but be merciful unto me, and have mercy upon me, watch (ô my ſoul) for thou knoweſt not when the Lord wil come: watch and pray O my ſoule, that thou enter not into temptation, watch (ô my ſoule) faſt & pray, and be ſtrong in faith: ſet a watch O Lord before my mouth, and keep the doore of my lips, and let not my heart be enclined to evill. O keepe mee in thy pathes

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that my foot-steps slide not, hear me, & have mercy upon me, knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name: ponder my ways, consider my meditations, & mercifully heare me: leade me in the right way, let no wickednes have dominion over me, turne all voluptuousnes from me, take from me the lusts of the flesh, let not uncleannes take hold of me, give me not over to an obstinat mind, turn my eies away from vanities, let thy loving mercies come unto me. Suffer me not O Lord to enter into the way of sinners, but whēsoever through frailty of my corrupt nature I run astray, then O Lord stay me, and plucke mee backe againe, that I may joy in the desire of thy law, that I may ever choose and doe those things which are most pleasant to thee,

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and hate all that offend thee.

Plant me by the waters ſide, & let me bring forth fruit to thy honour and glory: grant that I may ſtand in the aſſembly of the righteous, that I may eſcape al puniſhment, be delivered from condemnation, & with thy Saints & holy Angels live in everlaſting glory, world without end, Amen.

A confeſſion of ſinnes, neceſſary to be ſaid at all times, and for forgiveneſſe of ſins.

O God, and merciful father, be merciful unto me, for many enemies fight againſt me, O God moſt high, I here proſtrate in hart confeſſe my abominable wickedneſſe, wherein all my life long I have offended thy heavenly Majeſtie in thought, word, and deed, which are infinite, and cannot be numbred

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this preſent houre : and grant O Father, I wretched ſinner beſeech thee, that I never hereafter fal into any ſins or offences. Defend mee againſt all my enemies, the devil, the world and the fleſh. O Chriſt which cameſt into the world, to eaſe thoſe wch were laden, to ſeek thoſe that were loſt, to cal ſinners to repentance, and to give life everlaſting to the faithfull, I poore ſinful creature from the very bottome of my heart bewail and lament my wretched and ſinful life beſeeching thee according to thy promiſe to be mercifull unto me, to be my mediator to God the father for me, that he may fully & freely forgive me al my ſins whatſoever formerly cõmitted againſt thee: and wholy poſſeſſe my heart with thy holy Spirit, that he may defend mee againſt all perills to

come which the devil, the world, or the fleſh imagineth againſt me, & ſo change me into a new man, that my old ſinnes being waſhed away by thy precious blood, I may walke from Vertue to Vertue, to the prayſe of thy bleſſed name, Amen.

A generall confeſſion of ſinnes, with a prayer for the remiſſion of the ſame.

O Moſt mercifull Lord God, moſt deare & tender Father, vouchſafe I beſeech thee, to looke downe with thy Fatherly eyes of pitty upon me, moſt vile & wretched ſinner, who lyes heartily proſtrate before the feete of thy bottomleſſe mercy, I am not worthy to be called thy Son, but for that thou art the God and father of al comfort, and deſireſt not the death

death of a ſinner, but takeſt care to cure my wounded ſoule: poure I pray thee the precious oyle of thy ſweete comfort into my wounds, that I may joyfully run into the lap of thy everlaſting pitty: thou art my hope and truſt in whom I only repoſe my ſelfe, I accuſe my ſelfe unto thee, that I have ſore & grievouſly offended thy almighty Majeſty in committing grievous & manifold ſins and wickedneſſe, that I have not kept the leſt of thy Commandements, as thy righteouſnes requireth of me, I have not honored thee as a God, nor dread thee like a Lord, nor loved thee like a Father, nor uſed thee as my Saviour. Thy holy and dreadful Name I have uſed in vaine, I have followed the Prince of the world in concupiſcence of the fleſh, in pride of living, in covetouſneſſe:

in gluttony, in hatred, in envie, in backebiting, in despaire, and in misbeliefe, but in what maner soever I have offēded thy most godly Majesty, I am heartily sorry for it, even from the bottome of my heart, and in token of my hearty repentance I knock and strike my breast, and in the bitternes of my soule, I cry and say: Lord God father have mercy upon me, Lord God Sonne have mercy upon me, Lord God holy Ghost, have mercy upon me: spare me of thy infinite mercy, and grant me thy abundant grace, that I may change my sinful life, put off the old man with al concupiscence, that I may dye unto the world, & the world unto me: strēgthen my hart in true humility, perfect love, hope, and trust in thee. Give my soule grace to desire only to rejoyce and repose

poſe my ſelfe in thee, that I may utterly forſake the vaine affiance of the world, that I may be ready to go with thee whenſoever thou ſhalt come upon me: Be thou O Lord alwayes unto me a Tower of ſtrength, a place of refuge, and defend me againſt the fiend and al deſperation, let thy cõfort cleave unto me, thy mercy keep me, and thy grace guide me. Take O Father, that thou haſt made, take O Son, that thou haſt with thy precious bloood dearly bought, take, ô holy Ghoſt that thou haſt kept, & preſerved by thy grace, to draw me neare unto thee. Heare my prayers, forgive me my offences, comfort me in my afflictions, let my ghoſtly enemy have no power on me, but give me ſtrength to withſtand his deceitful ſnares, let me live to my comfort, die in the

true faith, & rest with thee in thy everlasting kingdome, Amen.

Another Prayer for forgivenes of sins, and to be guided by the grace of God to preserve and keep us.

O Maker of heaven and earth, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, which of nothing diddest make me thine own image, diddest redeem me with thy precious blood. I am not worthy in my heart to think on thee, nor in my mouth to name thee, therefore I humbly desire thee and meekely pray thee gently to behold mee thy unworthy servant, and have mercy upon me, as thou haddest on the woman of *Canaan*.

Unto thee I confesse my sinnes, have mercy upon me (LORD) for I have most grievously offended thee in pride, covetousnesse, leachery,

leachery, vaine-glory, hatred, envy, adultery, indiſſolute and wanton living, in idle words, in thinking, ſleeping, and doing al things wherein fraile men might ſinne, therefore I moſt humbly pray and beſeech thy goodneſſe, have mercy upon me, and forgive me my ſinnes. Thou art my hope, truſt, and defender, my helpe, ſtrength, life, health, reſurrection, and redemption, I therefore moſt humbly pray and beſeech thee, helpe me, defend me, make mee ſtrong, and comfort me: Viſite me, and receive me, I am thy ſervant and bondman (though evill and a ſinner) therefore I flee unto thee to be received: If I be unclean, thou canſt make me cleane; If I bee ſicke, thou canſt heale me: If I bee dead, thou canſt revive me, for thy mercy is more then my ſins,

and thou canst forgive more then I can offend: Therefore O Lord, consider not the number of my offēces, but according to thy great mercy have mercy upon me, say unto my soule, thou art my salvation: O be not angry with me, but most meeke Father, for thy mercies sake, forgive me all my misdeeds, grant that I may truly know thee, with my heart beleeve thee, and mouth confesse thee. Purifie my heart with the fire of love, mortifie in mee whatsoever is amisse, garnish my mind with thy heavenly benefits, and spirituall gifts, arme my soule against the crafty assaults of the subtil serpēt the vain pleasures of the world, & the lewd lusts of the filthy flesh.

O Saviour have mercy on me, which have committed many sins against thee, and have mispent the

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gifts of grace, that thou ſo lovingly didſt give me: be merciful unto me, O bountifull Lord, and I will wholy put my truſt and confidence in thy mercy. Let me ever dread thee, love thee, and ſerve thee with all my heart, mind, will might, power, and ſtrength, of ſoule and body: and grant that I may doe all things according to thy wil: let all my offences be forgotten before thee, and make me perſevere in vertuous living that I may order my ſelf in this world to thy will and pleaſure: let me depart out of this world in a clean and pure life, for the comfort and ſalvation of my ſinfull ſoule: and moſt merciful Lord I pray thee, to give me ſtedfaſt faith, true hope and fervent charity, give mee thy grace and mercifull ayd in all my wayes to purſue & follow thy wil

and commandements, to eſchew my owne fraile will and deſires, and falſe enticements, ſo in this life I may live a true Chriſtian, & after death behold thy moſt glorious face in heaven, Amen.

A devout prayer for all Chriſtians.

O Lord, which haſt vouchſafed of thy unſpeakeable goodnes, to make and ordaine mee thy creature, to live in this tranſitory life, giving me a reaſonable ſoule by which I know thee, my Lord and my God. O moſt bleſſed Lord I wretched ſinner, cõfeſſe my wicked and abominable ſins, I humbly ask thee mercy and forgivenes for the ſame, grant me thy ſtrength to ſtand ſure in faith, thy knowledge to work thy bleſſed wil, thy power to reſiſt all errors, and wicked

ked imaginations: thy wisdome to know the truth, give me thy help I humbly beseech thee, that thy holy spirit may guide me, & al the thoughts, and desires of my hearts for the thoughts of men are miserable, & their deeds uncertain, cōfort therefore my soul, let it walk in thy laws & wayes, & work thy wil, suffer no worldly perswasions to take place or root in my heart, but by thy holy spirit so direct my wayes & works that they may be acceptable in thy sight. Suffer not my soule to perish, whō thou hast so dearly bought, but have mercy upon me, make me poor in spirit, low in heart, content with my calling, & let my soul rest in thee, let me love thee as a Father, a forgiver, a Saviour, & feare thee as a Lord, a judg, a revenger. O Father put from me my sin & wickednes,

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make mee to walke in the way of thy commandements: let me reverently feare thee, and ſtand in awe of thy judgmẽts, let me love thee as a Saviour, honour thee as a Lord, and feare thee as a Judge. Grant me grace to ſet thy fear before me, to ſtand in awe of thee, & of thy judgments, that I do nothing to provoke thy heavy diſpleaſure againſt me, that I may walke in thy feare and holy ordinances, and imbrace thoſe vertues that ſhall evidently declare my faithfull love, true honour, unfained repentance, and humble feare towards thee. Have mercy, pitty, & compaſſion upon me moſt miſerable ſinner, for my offences are horrible great and grievous, but I appeale to thy mercy, which is above thy workes: O let me live with thee eternally, and not dye

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though I have deſerved it, make mee a veſſell of thy mercy; that I may prayſe thy name, let not my ſinnes ſever me from thee, but let me magnifye thy power & mercie: Ogracious God, give mee true hearty, earneſt, & unfained repentance, that I may from the bottom of my heart cõtinually lament my manifold ſins and tranſgreſſions, my unthankfulnes towards thee, for all thy mercifull benefits abundantly beſtowed upon mee. Alas that ever I became ſo wicked & unkind a creature, to diſpleaſe ſo good a Lord, ſo loving & mercifull a Father! O forgive me all my ſinnes that ever I have committed againſt thee, let mee never more offẽd thee, but alwaies gladly ſerve thee in righteouſneſſe and holineſſe all the dayes of my life, governe and guide my heart in thy

thy faith, feare & love, that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds, I may glorifie thy holy Name, to whom be all glory, prayse, power, and dominion, now and evermore, Amen.

A faithfull prayer, very fit for all persons.

O Most excellent goodnesse, withdraw not thy mercy, O most mighty Maker, despise not thy worke, O most prudent Redeemer, suffer me not the price of thy redemption to perish, O most gentle, ghostly, and heavenly hoast, purifie, save, dresse, and keep thy house and dwelling place in me. O most blessed, charitable, sweet, & bounteous Jesu. O most excellent, glorious, merciful deare Jesu and sweet Saviour, have mercy upon me, & freely forgive me

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all my sinnes. O make me love thee, turn to thee,& be sorrie and contrite for my wickednesse, let me remember thy benefits, meeknesse, painfull and bitter passion; thy patience, obedience, love and charity: sanctifie me that I may worship thee, magnifie thee, and heartily love thee with true reverence and devotion. As thou art most dreadfull make me to dread thee: as my Father to love thee, as my Lord to serve thee: dwell in my soule by grace, mercy, charity and cleannesse. O wound my hart with thy most holy wounds, moist my minde with thy most precious blood, that whatsoever I doe, or wheresoever I turne me, I may behold thee crucified, and thus beholding thee, I may fix my minde on nothing but only on thee: and I beseech thee that

that thou wilt vouchsafe of thy goodnesse to direct, sanctifie, and keepe my soule and my body, my sences, talk, communication, and all my doings in thy holy lawes and workes of thy Commandements: that thy holy Angell may be with me to direct me in the way of peace, truth, and health, that I may be whole, safe and free in thee, and by thee, both here & in the world to come. Heare me and save mee O King of glory, which liveſt and raigneſt world without end, Amen.

A very good Prayer to God, to take from us all evill things, and to give us all good things.

GIve O Lord God, unto my heart repentance, to my spirit contrition, to my eyes a fountaine

taine of teares, to my hands abundance of almes, and put out of me the desires of the flesh, & kindle in mee the fire of thy love, put out of mee the spirit of pride and vain-glory, and give me true humility: take away from me, O Lord the fury of anger, and give me the buckler of patience, pluck me from rancour and malice of minde, and give me meekenesse of soule, give me (most gentle Father, a stedfast faith, sure hope, and continuall charity. O God turne from me vanitie, unconstantnesse of minde, wantonnesse of body, lewdnesse of talke, a high minde, excesse of dyet, evill speaking of others, covetousnesse of riches, greedines to rule, desire of vain-glory, the vice of flattering, despising the poore, oppressing the weak, unsatiable avarice, and deadly

deadly blaſphemie.

Take from me undecent raſhneſſe, ſtubbornneſſe, unquietneſſe, idleneſſe, ſluggiſhneſſe, dulneſſe, blindneſſe of heart, obſtinacy of underſtanding, crueſty of condition, diſobedience of that is good, and give me O God, for thy deare Sons ſake, the workes of mercy and affections of piety, to ſuffer with the afflicted, to counſell the evill, helpe the miſerable, ſuccour the needy, cõfort the ſad, aide the oppreſſed, relieve the poore, mone them that weep, pardon my debters, ſpare them that offend me, love them that hate mee, doe good for evill: embrace vertue, reject vice, & live in all goodnes. O God, make mee rich with thy gifts, defend me with thy munition, give mee the ſtrength of thy Salvation: bee my ſhadow in the

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day of battell: my deliverer in the time of affliction, my ayde in tribulation, my light in ſalvation, and conduct me to thy everlaſting reſt, that I may live with thee in eternall glory, Amen.

A very good prayer for Gods ayd, forgiveneſſe of ſinnes, and life everlaſting.

O Chriſt, that calleſt all men unto thee, ſpread forth the beams of thy light that we walke not in darkneſſe, for thou art the way to heaven, and ſun of righteouſneſſe: in thy Croſſe, we triumph: in thy ſhame, we glory: by thy paine, we have peace: in thy teares joy, in thy ſorrow, comfort, in thy death, life.

I humbly beſeech thee therefore, poure upon me the ſpirit of wiſedome, grace, & mercy, with the

the force or his beams, to drive away the darkneſſe of my minde, and with this fire, purifie my perverſe affections, with his celeſtiall Lamp, kindle in my heart the true zeal of glory, with his holy ointment, embalme my conſcience with his Fatherly oyle, to refreſh my bowels, & with his vertue renew in me an upright heart, to cleanſe my ſoul from dead works, and repleniſh me with righteouſnes, that I may overcome Sathan, the world, the fleſh, and my luſts, above al let me have the true conſolation of a faithful ſoul, his joy quiet and content. Thy Word is unto us the Image of glory, the Law of thy Kingdom, the ladder to Heaven, the Gate to Paradiſe, the treaſury of piety, vertue, wiſedome, conſolation, & perfection, yet the groſſenes of our fleſh is ſo

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ignorant and perverſe, that it wil neither ſee thy ſpirituall riches, nor hear thy true and wholſome doctrine: but taketh the Thorne for the Roſe, the Leafe for the fruit, and the Huske for the Kernell.

I humbly beſeech thee therefore, moſt mercifull Father, to guide me in the underſtanding of thy truth, and inſtruct me by thy ſpirit to make me perfect in the principles of ſalvation, the true knowledge of thee, and of faith, piety, and righteouſneſſe, to believe in thee, and Jeſus Chriſt thy only Son, to glorifie thee, love thee, feare thee, & ſerve thee. Grant that my thoughts may be replenished with ſtedfaſt hope, ſupported with aſſured expectation, to obtain the celeſtiall riches which no eye hath ſeene, eare hath

hath heard, or underſtanding cõprehended, that I may behold thy countenance, live in thy kingdom, enjoy the ſociety of the Angels, be a fellow-heire with thy glorified ſpirits, to be fully united unto Chriſt, and by him to the Father and Fountaine of eternall life, & ſo poſſeſſe everlaſting joy: and let the hope of enjoying that happineſſe be my thought, pleaſure, labour, habitation, and only vocation, and grant me grace to turne my courſe, that in the end I may ohtaine the diadem wherewith thou crowneſt thine elect, that I may prayſe and magnifie thy name world without end, Amen.

A Prayer for remiſſion of ſins, and to God to aſſiſt us to live well, and to free us from ſinne, and

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to live in Heaven eternally.

O Lord my God I will glorifie and prayſe thee with thankeſgiving, give me thine ayde, ſave & deliver my ſoule out of the deepe Dungeon, keepe me from the pit of deſtruction, take all trouble from me, let my life be agreeable to thy deſire, take away my evening lamentation, and give mee the joy of the morning conſolation. O Lord heare me, have pitty upon me, and be mercifull unto me, take me from all heavineſſe, fill me with thy gladneſſe, that I may render thee thankes, and my tongue ſing thy prayſes without ceaſing. Have mercy upon me according to thy benignity, for I am oppreſſed with ſins & offences; abſolve, purge, and waſh me from all

all iniquity, put me not from thy presence, give me a right spirit, the comfort of thy salvation, and rest to my poore conscience, that I may be sure of the free remission of all my hainous sins. Give me (O Lord) a mouth, and wisedom to resist my adversaries: keep me pure & undefiled in thy law, and that I may doe nothing but that thou requirest of me, let me never want sure hope and firm trust in thee. Fasten and imprint thy law in my heart, that I never sinne against thee: Teach me thy judgments, and give me a readie will to perform them, fortifie me with thy word, and let my heart be enclined unto it, & not to covetousnesse, pride, or any other wickednesse. Instruct me in that that is good, be thou my portion, & for thy mercies sake, have mercy upon

on me: keepe me diligently, and watchfully, & let not my feet ſlip, ſhadow me with thy right hand, & keep me ſafe from the wicked. Deliver me from all evils; guide my going forth, and comming home, and keepe my ſoul from ſinne. Let me, O Lord, cry unto thee and heare me ſpeedily: let my prayer be as ſweet Incenſe before thee, that I may call upon thee daily and continually; keep me from evil, and let me not live diſſolutely: defend me from impiety and all erroneous and foule offences, let me caſt mine eyes upon thee, hope only in thee, & ſtay me wholly upon thee.

Save my ſoul, let it not periſh; & deliver mee from the vanities of the world, inticements of the fleſh ſuggeſtion of the Devill, and the ſnares, ambuſhes, and deceit-

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on me: keepe me diligently, and watchfully, & let not my feet slip, shadow me with thy right hand, & keep me safe from the wicked. Deliver me from all evils; guide my going forth, and comming home, and keepe my soul from sinne. Let me, O Lord, cry unto thee and heare me speedily: let my prayer be as sweet Incense before thee, that I may call upon thee daily and continually; keep me from evil, and let me not live dissolutely: defend me from impiety and all erroneous and foule offences, let me cast mine eyes upon thee, hope only in thee, & stay me wholly upon thee.

Save my soul, let it not perish; & deliver mee from the vanities of the world, inticements of the flesh suggestion of the Devill, and the snares, ambushes, and deceit-

ful conſpiracies of the wicked: that I may laud and praiſe thy holy name in this World, and in the world to come. To our God eternall, immortall, invitible, and only wiſe, be all honour and glory, both now and evermore, *Amen.*

A very earneſt Prayer for Gods ayd, and forgiveneſſe of our ſinnes.

O Father, I beſeech thee for the love of thy Sonne, bring my ſoule out of priſon, to praiſe thy holy name; deliver me from the bonds of ſin, & reſtore me to life everlaſting: when ſhall I come and appeare before thy face? when will the comfort come I waite for? when ſhal I ſee the joy I look for? and be ſatisfied with the glo-

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ry I long for? ſtrike Lord my hard heart with the ſtrong point of thy dear love, pierce it with thy mighty power unto the very bottome, that my head may bring forth water, & mine eyes a fountaine of teares, to mourn and lamēt my manifold ſins & offences.

I beſeech thee kneeling on my knees, and humbly entreate thee, that thou wilt with the eys of pitty look upon me thy unworthy ſervant, and have mercy upon me. O Chriſt, whom I have greatly offended in thought, word & deed, pardon my offences, and clearly forgive me all my ſins. Heal my iniquities, and I ſhal be ſafe. Governe and defend me, ſtrengthen and comfort me, deſpiſe me not O Lord, nor note the number of my ſins, but according to the multitude of thy mercies pitty

me, favour me, have mercy upon me, and forgive mee a most grievous sinner. Convert me O Lord, and for thy mercies sake keep me, that I may with true repentance heartily bewail my sins. Save me, for thou art the true safety, have mercy on my sinfull soul, loose the bands thereof, blot out my transgressions, ayd me & forsake me not, O God of my comfort. O my soule, lament, mourn & weep, till thou be joyned to thy Bridegroome Christ. Thou bidst me knocke, O Lord open unto mee, strengthen mee that am weake, restore mee that did perish, raise me that was dead, guide and govern all my sences, thoughts, and deeds, that henceforth I may serve thee, love thee, and live with thee. Grant me an humble and contrite heart, with abundance

abundance of teares, & a ſorrowfull ſoule for my ſins. Give mee compunction of heart, humility of mind, and a pure conſcience. O Jeſu pardon my ſoul, pardon my ſins, my evils, and my offences. Let me earneſtly deſire, adviſedly ſearch, truly know, and perfectly fulfill all things that pleaſe thee. Give mee thy heavenly comfort, deſpiſe not my ſinfull ſoule, forgive me all my ſins, and bring me to thy holy habitation, for my Saviour Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, Amen.

A good Prayer for Gods aſſiſtance and repentance.

O Loving Father, have mercy upon me, pardon my frailtie; ayde me in infirmities, by the power of thy grace, ſtrengthen me againſt the concupiſcence of the

filthy flesh, the illusiõs of the foolish world, & the subtil assaults of Sathan, that I may grow in all goodnesse and heavenly perfection. Of thy Fatherly goodnesse hear my prayers, & for the glory of thy name forgive mee my sins & grant my petitions, look favorably on me thy fraile and wretched creature, humble my heart to the repentant confession of my sins, give me the help of thy holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life, blesse and guide all my thoughts, words and works with thy heavenly grace, that I may in all things obey thy heavenly will, Reform me, blesse me, and in thy tuition preserve me, pour forth the abundant bounty of thy good gifts upon me, that in the riches of peace, joy, & love I may praise and magnifie thee. O merciful Father

ther that haſt delivered mee out of the bands of death and darknes have mercy upon me, and for thy ſweet Son my Saviour Chriſt his ſake, comfort, guide, and ſtrengthen me in thy holy Spirit, hold continually thy holy hand over me, that no flattery, illuſions, nor inchantmẽt of this world deceive me, and that no troubles, malice, ſtripes, perſecution, feare, tyrannie, torments, nor death, may ever ſeparate me from thee: but deſpiſing the world, the fleſh, and the Devil, I may in joyfull hope waite for, and deſire the comming of our redeemer, for the delivery of the bleſſed Saints to appear in thy gracious preſence in our renewed bodies, glorified and immortall, there to dwell with Angels and Archangels, evermore praiſing thy heavenly Majeſtie. O

Lord, that hast made us the children of light, have mercie upon me, yea, Lord have mercie upon me; and for thy names sake look favourably upon me, stand fast by me, let me be constant in faith, humble and obedient to thy holy will, and correction, patiently waiting thy good pleasure and determination in al things, make me abound in love & meekenesse, rejoyce in vertue and true holinesse, and glad my heart in the assured truth of thy promises: help me with thy grace, pardon my weaknesses, and deliver me from the evils I have deserved, and in all troubles, wealth, need, health, sickenesse, joy, sorrow, life, and death, make me put my whole stay, hope, and helpe in thy Fatherly mercie and goodnesse. Relieve me with thy grace, strengthen

then me with thy holy ſpirit, that I may overcome and vanquiſh all the ſuggeſtions, temptations, & conſpiracies of Satan, and his infernall armies: withſtand the malice, perſecutions and troubles of this wretched world, triumph in heavenly victory, and wholly rejoyce in the prayſing and lauding of thy holy name, now and for ever, world without end, Amen.

A prayer for remiſſion of ſins.

O Soveraigne Creator of all things, when I conſider thy Majeſtie, whom I have with my ſins offended, I do ſhudder at my own miſdeeds, and I abhorre my wickedneſſe, becauſe I have forſaken ſo gracious and bountiful a Father, vouchſafe therefore moſt merciful God and loving Father, to pardon and forgive me all my

vanities, misdeeds, and offences, govern and guide me by thy holy spirit in all my wayes, that I may live all the days of my life according to thy holy and heavenly Commandements. By the multitude of thy mercies, wipe away my iniquities, let my suite enter into thy presence, and save mee thy servant, shew me thy mercies, comfort my heart with the celestial joy & pleasure of thee, that I may for ever rest with thee in the land of the living. Have pitty upon me, & according to the multitude of thy great mercies, wipe away my sins, and clense me from al my unrighteousnesse, draw my soule out of sinne, unto the lively fountain of the life everlasting, fil my mind with the streams of thy pleasure, and overcome my heart with the sweetenesse of thy love

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& grant that I may long with all my heart, and labour with my whole endeavor, to attain to the unconceivable joyes of the life everlasting: embrace me with thy armes of mercy, shew me thy loving countenance, pluck me from the earth, and earthly things, open my mouth to call upon thee, my eares to heare thee, my eyes to behold thee, and let all that I doe, say, heare or see, be only to thy glory. Let thy grace still accompany me, let me continually crave it, & earnestly endeavour to keep it, scoure from me the spots, which by my daily sins I have cast upon the whitenesse thou gavest me, that I may be pure & cleare before thee. Bind up the sores of my sinfull soul, wash it with thy precious blood, anoint it with the oyle of holinesse, repair thy heavenly

heavenly image within me by sin defaced, and againe adorn it with thine owne righteousnesse, that I may ever hereafter praise thee. Mortifie all my desires of wealth, pleasure, riches, glory, favour, and all earthly things whatsoever, & that I may evermore readily and willingly doe those things, that may please thee. Give me constancy and steadinesse of purpose, that my thoughts may not be found fleeting or uneffectual, but that I may with an unmoveable mind doe all things for my comfort, and to the honour and glory of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer for remission of sins.

RIghteous & mercifull God, which art cleare from spot and

and ſin, I miſerable and wretched ſinner, acknowledge my wickednes, and with an humble and ſorrowful heart, bewail my filthines, whereby I have polluted that Image imprinted within me at my firſt Creation. I openly confeſſe that many and great are my ſins, my offences wonderful, my tranſgreſſions infinite, even as the ſand of the Sea, that cannot be numbred, for all my cogitations are prone to evill evermore: who knoweth O Lord his ſin, and can recite his tranſgreſſions? I confeſſe my offences, and my ſinne is always before me: againſt thee only have I ſinned, and done evill, I was borne in ſin, and thoſe ſins have I multiplyed in my daily tranſgreſſions, and have deſerved thy diſpleaſure: therefore I appeale unto thy mercie O Lord beſeeching

seeching thee not to enter into judgement with thy servant: but according unto thy great mercie have mercie upon mee; and according unto the multitude of thy mercies do away mine iniquities.

Wash mee thorowly from my sins, and cleanse me from my offences, for thy names sake bee mercifull to my sin, for it is great: remember not the sins of my youth, nor my rebellions, but according to thy kindnesse remember mee, for thy goodnesse sake: remember thy tender mercies, and loving kindnesse which have beene for ever: remember I am flesh, that passeth away, and commeth not againe: leave therefore thy displeasure against me, be not angry with me for ever, deale not with me according to my sinnes, neither

neither reward me after my iniquities, but conduct mee ô Lord, and turn away thy diſpleaſure againſt me: ſhew mee thy mercies, and grant me thy ſalvation. I confeſſe moſt mercifull God, it lieth not in my power to purge and put away my ſins, and purchaſe thy favour: but it is onely the paſſion, and moſt innocent death of thy deare Sonne my Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that is a ſufficient reconciliation for my ſins, and for the ſinnes of the whole world: for his blood which was ſhed for me, doth cleanſe mee from all my ſins: and if I confeſſe my offences, thou wilt forgive me all my ſins, and cleanſe mee from al unrighteouſneſſe: wherefore in ſuch hope of this thy mercy promiſed by thy Sonne, I am bold with deepe ſighes, from my

my heart, to cry Lord forgive me mine offences, remit mine iniquities, cover my ſinnes, and impute not my faults unto mee: purge mee O Lord from my ſecret faults, keep me from preſumptuous ſinnes, let them not raigne over me, but purifie mee from all my wickedneſſe: let me taſte the ſweetneſſe of thy benignity, that I may be ſecure, and certaine of the remiſſion of my ſinnes, through the bowe'ls of thy mercies: that I may perceive in my minde, comfort, peace, and gladneſs of thy holy ſpirit, which may beginne a new life in mee, pleaſing thee: quench all vain motions in me, and reſtore in me the image of thy divine light, which was loſt; that being delivered from my ſinnes, and out of the hands of mine enemies, I

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may ſerve thee in feare, in righteouſneſſe and holineſſe all the dayes of my life, through Chriſt in whom thou art well pleaſed, and for whoſe ſake, all my workes howſoever unperfect, are acceptable in thine eyes. O moſt mighty Maker, deſpiſe me not thy work. O moſt excellent goodneſſe, withdraw not thy mercie from mee. O moſt prudent Redeemer, ſuffer me not to periſh, whom thou haſt ſo dearly bought. O moſt gentle, ghoſtly, and heavenly hoaſt, purifie, ſave, dreſſe, and keepe thy houſe and dwelling place in me, which thou haſt ſanctified, and dedicated unto thee in my Baptiſme. O moſt bleſſed Jeſu, have mercy upon me, make me to love thee, and to bee ſorry, and contrite for my ſinnes. Turn me

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unto thee by grace, that I may remember thy benefits, and thy painful and bitter death and passion. Grant me to sanctifie, worship, magnifie, and love thee heartily, moysten my mind with thy most precious blood, that whatsoever I see, I may behold thee crucified, that thus beholding thee, I may fixe my minde on nothing, bnt only on thee, & live most carefully to serve thee, and after this life, rest everlastingly with thee, which livest and raignest with the Father and the holy Ghost, one God world without end, Amen.

An excellent Prayer meete for all persons, and to be said at all times.

GRant O mercifull Father, that I never commit any thing

thing that ſhal offend thy fatherly goodneſſe, but that I may eſchew all vice, embrace all vertue, live in thy feare, call upon thy holy name, learn thy godly Commandements, hear thy holy Word, avoide all idleneſſe, and walke in my vocation, to the glory of thy holy Name. Send the holy Spirit of love and concord, that I may be content with my calling, live quietly in the ſame, doe good to all men, and order my life according to thy godly will. Grant me to covet with an ardent mind thoſe things which may pleaſe thee, to ſearch them wiſely, to know them truly and fulfil them perfectly, to the laud & glory of thy name, order my living ſo that I may doe that which thou requireſt of me, give me grace to know it, and have a

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will and power to do it, & that I may have thoſe things which are moſt convenient for my ſoule. Gracious God, make my way ſure and ſtraight, that I fall not betweene proſperity and adverſitie, but in proſperitie to thanke thee, and be patient in adverſity, and that I be not lift up with the one, nor oppreſſed with the other that I may reioyce in nothing but that which pleaſeth thee, nor be ſorry for any thing, but thoſe that offend thee, deſiring to pleaſe none but thee, nor fearing to offend any but thee. O loving Father, make all worldly thing vile unto me, and be thou my eſpeciall comfort above all: let me not be merrie, but with that which pleaſeth thee, and let me deſire nothing but thee. Let all labour delight me that is for thee,

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and let all the reſt wearie me: make me lift up my heart unto thee, and when I fall make mee to think on thee, and be ſorry for the ſame, with a ſtedfaſt purpoſe of amendment. Grant me faith in thee, and grace, I beſeech thee, to be occupied in doing of good works, to thy glory & my comfort, and to truſt in thy mercies, & in Chriſt his merits to be purged from my ſins. Give me grace to love thy Word fervently, to ſearch the Scriptures diligētly, to read them humbly, to underſtand them truly, and to live after them effectually, that my life may be acceptable unto thee. Teach me ſo to pray, that my petitions may be graciouſly heard of thee. Keep me upright among diverſity of opinions, that I ſwerve not from thy truth. Give me I beſeech thee

a true ſpirit, that no curious thoughts, nor filthy affections withdraw mee from thee. Grant me grace to know thee, diligently to pleaſe thee, and hope to embrace thee for the precious bloud-ſake of that immaculate Lambe Jeſus Chriſt: to whom with the Father and the holy Ghoſt, be al honour and glory world without end, Amen.

A Prayer wherein a ſinner deſireth God to hear him, and forgive him his ſinnes.

O Lord how long wilt thou reject my prayers which daily I poure out before thee? Wilt thou O Lord, heare me at no time, or wilt thou ceaſe to ſhew mercy? O cry unto the Lord O my ſoule, and ſay, Haſt thou O Lord

Lord caſt me away for ever ? or wilt thou neve hereafter be pleaſed with me? favour me O righteous father, for Jeſus Chriſts ſake, that the ſighing, and inward groning of my heart, may move and incline thee to heare mee : graciouſly O Lord, grant me thy mercy, and performe the Covenant which thou haſt made with mee, hold thy holy hand over me, and keepe me from ſinne, then ſhall I feare neither Death nor Hell; and as thou haſt alwayes beene merciſull to penitent ſinners, ſo now good Lord forgive me my ſins. In the zeale of my heart, I beſeech thee to keepe mee in the feare of thee, then ſhall I rejoyce in thy mercy, for that thou haſt looked upon me, and regarded my ſoul in diſtreſſe. Keepe me in thy ſheepefold, O ſhepheard of my ſoul, and

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let me never hereafter wander frō thy wayes, nor leave me in troubles: behold my weakeneſſe is beſt knowne unto thee : Looke O Lord upon my ſorrow, and forgive me my ſinnes. Mollifie my heart, that I may turn unto thee, and walke in all thy wayes, for I have walked over long in the way of ſinners : my prayers, O Lord, are poured forth before thee, let thine anger be turned from me, & let me find favour in thy ſight. Looke not on the hardnes of my heart, but as thou alwayes ſheweſt mercy, ſo now be mercifull over me, and forgive me all my ſinnes. Spare me I beſeech thee, and ſhew on mee the abundance of thy mercy, which haſt taught me in Chriſt Jeſus to call upon thee in my neceſſities. Give mee grace to acknowledge my owne infirmities

infirmities, that I depending upon thy merciful goodneſſe, may with a ſtrong and ſtedfaſt faith, & with a penitent heart, continually call upon thee for thy grace, mercy and pardon. Hearken O moſt merciful God, for thy great mercies ſake, to theſe my humble praiers which I make before thee, and conſider O Lord the deſires and thoughts of my heart, let my crying out come unto thee, and at my unfained prayers enter into thy preſence. Heare me O Lord, for I want thy helpe, care for my ſoule, ſave me thy ſervant, which truſt in thee. Have mercie O Lord, have mercie upon me, for I will never ceaſe crying to thee for helpe and mercy. In the day time I will call upon thee, and in the night I will cry unto thee. O God of heaven, and maker of all

things, hear me a moſt wretched creature calling upon thee, and take from me all my ſinnes. Plant in me O heavenly Father, true obedience of thy word, let not the cares of this world deceive me, keepe mee from all uncleane deſires: graunt mee grace to walke before thee with a good and pure minde, that I may receive the reward provided for thy ſons and ſervants. Increaſe my faith and love, increaſe in me a ſure hope of my ſalvation, increaſe ſtrength in mee to overcome and ſtand againſt al temptations. Let thy holy Angell keepe and conduct me, that I may evermore walk before thee in godlineſſe & righteouſnes of life: make ſtedfaſt my faith in thy merciful promiſes, that I truſting in them, may have everlaſting life through Ieſus Chriſt thy

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Son our Lord & Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer for a reformed life.

O Heavenly Father, and mercifull God, which of thy only goodneſſe haſt created and made mee unto thy owne ſimilitude and likeneſſe, I hearti ly pray and beſeech thee, remember not my ſins & unrighteouſneſſe, neither ſuffer thy grievous plagues to hang over me. I have ſinned, & hainouſly offended thee, yet I beſeech thee of thy mercy & benignity to behold mee thy unworthy childe. I doe not proſtrate my ſelfe before thee, in praiſe of my righteouſneſſe, but in the multitude of thy mercies. I humbly beſeech thee moſt holy Father, be no more angry with me, but turne thy wrath from me, and kindle in me the love of thy ho-

ly spirit: breake O Lord, my sto-
ny heart, and make it a fleshie
heart: that I may feare thee, love
thee, and have pleasure in thee:
grant mee a true understanding
of thy word, to love that is to be
loved, to desire that which plea-
seth thee, to regard that which
is precious in thy sight, and to
refuse that which is evil before
thee. Give me (O Father) a
sorrowful and penitent heart,
that I may humbly serve thee all
the dayes of my life, When I
fall into sinne through frailty,
worke I beseech thee true repen-
tance in my heart, that I may
be sorrie without desperation:
that I may amend my life, and be-
come truely righteous, without
hypocrisie: lowly in heart, with-
out fainting: faithfull and trusty,
without deceipt: content with

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my owne, without covetousnesse to tel my neighbour his fault charitably : to pay every man truely : backbite no man, nor slander any secretly : to abhorre all vice, and love and follow al goodnesse earnestly, grant this O Lord, for the glory of thy holy name, Amen.

A confession of sinnes, and a prayer for forgivenesse of them.

O Almighty God of Israel, my soule that is in trouble, and spirit that is vexed, cry unto thee, heare me O Lord, and have mercy upon mee, for I have sinned against thee. I heartily pray and beseech thee in the bowels of thy mercy, to looke down from heaven upon mee thy poore servant, whose sinnes be infinite, and

innumerable, moſt haynous and inſupportable : but as they bee grievous and without number, ſo is thy mercy, more aboundant and without end. Thy mercy is above all thy workes : more able to ſave, then my ſinnes to condemne. Thou O Chriſt art that good *Samaritan* that poureſt the Oyle of grace into our wounds, thou art the onely true ſacrifice and oblation once offered for the ſinnes of the whole world. Therefore O ſweete Saviour, for thy bitter death and paſſion, and for the glory of thy name, bee mercifull unto me, and forgive me all my ſinnes. Grant that as through my wicked life, thou haſt beene diſhonoured, ſo thorow my godly converſation, and integrity of life hereafter, thou mayeſt be ever glorified. For-

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give me, (O my Saviour) al my ſinnes, I moſt humbly beſeech thee, and keepe me ever hereafter from all ſinnes. Grant me the aſſiſtance of thy grace & holy Spirit, to direct my wayes, and guide my pathes, that I may be innocent from all offences, and that in all things I may honour and prayſe thee, together with the heavenly Father, and the holy Spirit, now and for evermore, Amen.

A Prayer in adverſity, and for mercy.

ALmighty God, which for my ingratitude, and ſinful life, haſt worthily puniſhed me with affliction and adverſitie, I moſt humbly beſeech thee, to give mee grace utterly to deteſt

and abhor my former wretched and sinfull life, and study daily for the amendment of the same; and I am fully perswaded, that this affliction hath not come unto me by casualtie, but by thy permission, and determinate pleasure, and that thou dost beat mee with this thy Rodde of correction, because thou wouldest nurture me, and call mee to unfained repentance for my former life, to be more circumspect of a good life: to exercise my faith in thy godly promises, to try mee whether I will bee patient and constant in adversitie: to make mee abhorre vaine pleasures of this life, and with fervent and continuall desire, long for the life everlasting. Therefore I heartily pray thee, to strengthen my Faith, Hope, Charity, and meek-

meekeneſſe, that I may patiently beare this thy fatherly chaſtiſement. And grant me that I may daily encreaſe more and more in love towards thee, for I hope all things ſhall happen to the beſt, whether it be proſperity, health, ſickneſſe, life or death, & therefore I wholy ſubmit my ſelf unto thee, and reſigne all my wil to thy moſt godly wil and pleaſure, hoping that thou wilt end this affliction to thy honour and glory, and to my moſt profit, wealth, & everlaſting ſalvation, through Jeſus Chriſt my onely Saviour and Redeemer, Amen.

A godly Prayer to be ſaid by all perſons at all times.

ALmighty and moſt merciful Father, grant that above

all things, I may rest in thee, and fully set my heart upon thee, for thou Lord art the true peace of the heart, and the perfect rest of the soule: wherefore thy wil in all things be done in me, cast out of my heart all unprofitable cares of worldly things, and suffer me not to be led with the unprofitable desires of earthly vanities, but grant mee grace that all worldly and carnall affections, may be mortified and dye in me.

Grant mee the strength of thy holy Spirit, to subdue this body of sinne, with the whole lustes thereof, that it may be obedient both in wil, mind, and members, to doe thy holy will: grant mee grace that I may esteeme all things in this world transitorie, and my selfe with them, drawing toward my end, O Lord God

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which art ſweetneſſe unſpeakeable, turn into bitterneſſe unto me al tranſitory and earthly delights which may draw me from the love of eternall things: and for al worldly comforts, give me the ſweet comfort of thy holy Spirit, for thou Lord art my ſtay, my hope, my Crowne, and my glory: bleſſe me that for the love of thee I may not ſet by the pleaſures of this world, but crucifie the fleſh, and the luſts thereof, ſo that in a cleane and pure conſcience, I may offer up prayers unto thee, and be accepted to have company with thee, together with the holy Angels & heavenly ſpirits. O everlaſting light, ſend downe the beames of thy brightneſſe, and lighten the inward parts of my heart, that I may walk in thy lawes and commandeth

mandements. Give mee grace to rest in thee above all things, above all glory, honour, dignity, and power, above al health, beauty, riches, and treasure: above all joy, pleasure, fame and prayse and above all mirth, and consolation, that mans heart may feel or take besides thee. For thou Lord art most good, wise, and righteous: most high, mighty, and comfortable, most beautiful, loving, aud glorious, in whom are most perfectly all treasures of grace and goodnesse. Therefore whatsoever I have beside thee, is nothing unto thee; for my heart may not rest, but onely in thee, O Lord, who shall give me the wings of perfect love, that I may flye from these worldly miseries, and rest with thee? O King of everlasting glory, my soul cryeth

eth unto thee, with cõtinual gronings, and faith, how long tarrieth my Lord God to come unto me? When shall bee the end of those miseries? When shal I bee delivered from the bondage of sinne? when shal I have my minde onely fixed on thee, and be merrie in thee with perfect joy and gladnesse? when shal that blessed houre come, that thou shalt visit me, and make me glad with thy blessed presence? when shall I come unto thee, and enjoy those sweet contemplations, which thy blessed Angels have alwayes? when shal I stand to behold thee, and have ful sight and contemplation of thy glory? when shal I bee with thee in thy Kingdome, which thou hast prepared for thine elect, that I might behold the blessed mansion of thy heavenly

venly Citie, and the moſt cleare day of eternity, which thy heavenly Citizens know and feele the joy of, but I the childe of *Adam*, doe lament and bewaile the miſeries of this wretched life, ſhort and evill, full of griefe and ſorrow, where wee are polluted with troubles, wearied with labors, tried with temptations, vanquiſhed with vaine delights, and fleſhly pleaſures of this changeble world, & unmeaſurably inthralled in intolerable calamities. Wherefore ô Lord ariſe & helpe me, comfort me, aſſwage my ſorrow, deſtroy my enemies, the kingdome of ſinne, Sathan, the world, and my wicked fleſh: forgive me all my ſins, and bring my troubleſome dayes to an end. So ſhall I ſing prayſes unto thee O God of my ſalvation, and magnifie thy

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name, world without end, Amen.

A ſhort meditation of mans miſerie.

WHAT was I O Lord, what am I, what ſhall I be? I was nothing, I am now worth nothing, and in hazard to be worſe then nothing: I was conceived in originall ſinne, I am now full of actual ſin, I may hereafter feele the eternall ſmart of ſinne. I was in my mother a loathſome ſubſtance, I am in the world a corps of corruption, I ſhall be in my grave a prey of vermine. When I was nothing, I was without hope to bee ſaved, or feare to be damned: I am now in a doubtfull hope of the one, and in great danger of the other. I ſhall either be happie by the ſucceſſe of my hope, or miſerable

miſerable by the eſtate of my danger. What I have beene I know, *viz.* a wretched ſinner, what I am I cannot ſay, being uncertaine of Gods grace: what I ſhal be, I am ignorant, being doubtfull of my perſeverance. Lord erect my preſent weakeneſſe, correct my former ſinfulneſſe, direct my future frailty, direct it O Lord from paſſed evil, to preſent good, and future reward, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, Amen.

An effectuall prayer, for Grace, mercy, and forgiveneſſe of Sinnes.

O Heavēly God, O Father deare
Caſt downe thy tender eye:
Upon a wretch that proſtrate here
Before

Before thy Throne doth lie.
O poure thy precious oyle of Grace,
Into my wounded heart:
O let thy drops of mercy sweete,
Remit my sins desert.
My sinfull soule oppressed sore,
with carefull clogs of sin:
In humble sort, most humbly sues.
Thy mercy for to winne.
Grant mercy then, O Saviour sweete
To me most wretched thrall:
Whose mournfull cry to thee alone,
D th still for mercy call.
Thy blessed will I have displeas'd,
With pleasing of my mynde:
And to the lust of worldly things,
My selfe I have inclin'd. (ers,
Forgetting heaven & heavenly pow-
Where God and Saints do dwell;
My life hath almost trod the steps,
That leads the way to hell.
Grant now O Lord, and loadstone
That I no more doe so; (bright,

But

But for my life in ſinnes miſ-ſpent,
My heart may melt in woe.
Alas I ſigh, alas I ſob,
Alas I doe lament:
That ever my licentious life,
So wickedly was ſpent.
Grant therefore Lord, with wailing (tears,
I may thy mercy crave:
O Lord for thy great mercies ſake,
Let me thy mercy have.
Reſtore to life my ſinfull ſoule,
That elſe is like to dye:
Then ſhall my voyce unto thy Name
Sing prayſe eternally.
Now bleſſed be the Father firſt,
And bleſſed be the Sonne:
And bleſſed be the holy Ghoſt,
By whom all things are done.
Bleſſe me O bleſſed Trinity,
With thy eternal grace:
Forgive my ſins, and grant my ſoule
In Heaven a dwelling place.

A Prayer of thankeſgiving, to crave Gods aſſiſtance, to grant us his grace to repent our ſinnes, and bring us to the life everlaſting.

O Holy Father, God almighty, which diddeſt vouchſafe of thy unſpeakable goodneſſe and mercy, to ſend thy only ſon from the high Throne of thy Maieſtie, into this vale of woe & miſerie, to take our nature upon him, and in the ſame to ſuffer moſt ſharpe and bitter death, to bring our ſoules to thy heavenly kingdom: O ſweete Jeſu, enflame my heart unto thee, with the burning beames of thy love, and make me ever to thanke thee, and feare to offend thee. O ſweete Jeſus, my hope, refuge, joy and health, have mercy upon mee, and be merci-

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ful unto me, a poore, needy, vile, wretched, and abominable sinfull creature, give mee remission of all my sinnes, integrity of minde, health of body, needeful foode & rayment, strength fulnes of the earth, unity of faith, subversion of heresies, encrease of true Religon, earnest devotiõ, willingnes to charity, sincerity in prayer, patience in trouble, joy in hope, and whatsoever else is for thy glory, my good, and soules health, let thy holy sweetnesse possesse my minde, feed my soul with the fulnes of heavẽly & invisible things, separate me from earthly vanities, wholly dedicate my heart to heavenly meditations, give me compunction of heart, and teares to my eyes, that I may ever bewaile the wickednesse of my life, lift up my heart and mind I beseech thee

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from the contagions of earthly cares, to the conſideration of heavenly joyes that I may think and ſpeak only of thee in this life, & after live with thee eternally. O Lord my gracious God, and only Comforter of my ſoule, ſeeing thou deſireſt that in all things I ſhould ſincerely ſerve thee, and I through thy grace deſire to doe the ſame, ſuffer me not, O Lord, any more to offend thee, or fall into the relaps of my former follies, but make me heartily ſorrie for my offences, and that I may never more ſinne againſt thee. And I humbly confeſſe my ſelfe unto thee, that there is not on the earth a more vile and wicked ſinner then my ſelfe. Increaſe therefore in mee. I moſt humbly beſeech thee thy grace, and give me humilitie: that I may perfectly

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know thee in thy Majeſtie, and my ſelfe in my miſerie, and yet through thy gracious help I may manfully fight againſt ſinne, and wickednes, & gaine the victories over all my corporall and ſpirituall enemies. I wretched ſinner confeſſe, I have often offended thee, diſhonoured thee, and neglected thy holy precepts, which above all things ought to be moſt deare unto mee. Thou O Lord knoweſt I am carnall, full of evil concupiſcence, flowing in fleſhly pleaſure, over-wrapped in fond fantaſies, omitting ſpiritual exerciſes and mourning for ſinne, in ſpeaking impatient, in hearing godly admonitions negligent, eaſily detained from doing good, and apt to evil. O moſt merciful Lord, I poore and wretched ſinner, am full of ſorrow and griefe,

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for that I have grievouſly ſinned and offended againſt thee; wound O Lord my heart with the ſorrow of moſt faithfull and unfained repentance. Grant me thy grace, and aſſiſt mee by thy holy Spirit, that I may for ever hereafter keep my ſelfe from al ſinne, and avoid all occaſions of offences. And I moſt humbly beſeech thy infinite Majeſtie not to forſake, nor ſuffer me to be condemned in thy terrible judgment, but be merciſull unto me, and let thy dolorous paſſion ſo help me, that I may be an inheritor of thy heavenly Kingdome, and enjoy everlaſting felicitie, and let thy holy Angel ſo keep me, as the infernal enemie have never power over me, which, Lord, for thy mercies ſake grant me, Amen.

A Prayer to God the Father, of thankesgiving, and for forgiveneſſe of ſinnes.

I Offer unto thee (O holy Father) the ſacrifice of praiſe and thankeſgiving: rendring unto thee the calves of my lips, which of thy goodneſſe haſt made me: and of thy mercy redeemedſt me. Heare therefore O Lord, the prayers of thy ſervant, and turn thy eares unto mee thy poore creature. Day and night will I pray unto thee beſeeching thee that the thoughts and meditations of my heart may be acceptable before thee: that my mouth may ſpeake of thy righteouſneſſe and my tongue ſet forth thy prayſe. O holy Father, I beſeech thee, that the inward deſire of my heart may move and incline

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beseech thee to direct, sanctifie, keepe and governe my heart and body, my sences, tongue, talk, and communication in thy holy lawe and workes of thy Commandements. Grant also O Lord, that thy holy Angel may be with me, to direct me in the way of peace, truth, and health: that I may bee whole, safe, and free in thee, and by thee, both in this world and in the world to come. O King of glory heare me, and save mee, have pitty and compassion upon mee thy weake and unworthy childe. O Lord help mee, shew thy mercy upon me, let me doe that which is acceptable in thy sight, and prosper mee in whatsoever I goe about. Let mee have an earnest desire to doe those things that wil please thee: for unto thee alone doe I fully and wholly

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A Prayer unto God the Sonne, for mercy, and forgiveneſſe of ſinnes.

I Am aſhamed, O Jeſu, to lift up my eyes unto thee, becauſe my ſins are many, and are aſcended and come before thee: ſhew thy mercy upon mee (O Lord) and heare me, my heart is faint, my ſoule is troubled; O Lord, make ſtrong thy humble and unworthy ſervant, that my joy may be alwayes in thee: receive mee of thy goodneſſe into thy favour, & ſhew thy mercy upon mee, for thou, O ſweet Saviour, art merciful, which wilt not the death of a ſinner, but that he live. I there-

fore, a moſt wretched ſinner, beſeech thee to looke upon me with thoſe merciſull eyes wherewith thou diddeſt behold *Peter* bitterly weeping, and *Mary Magdalen*, and the Theefe on the Croſſe, and cauſe me through thy great goodneſſe, that I may with *Peter* weepe, and worthily bewaile my ſinnes: with *Mary*, to love thee with a pure & perfect love: and with the Theefe, to ſee & behold thee in Paradiſe. Give mee (O gracious Lord) a pure intention, a cleane heart, and a regard to thy glory: in all my actions poſſeſſe my minde with thy preſence, and raviſh it with thy love: be thou (O Jeſu) light unto my eyes, muſicke unto my eares, ſweetneſſe to my taſte, and contentment to my heart. I am not mine but thine, claime mee

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as thy right, keepe mee as thy charge, love me as thy child. Defend mee when I am assaulted, heale mee when I am wounded: Give me patience in trouble, and let me never be confounded, humilitie in comfort, modestie in countenance, gravitie in behaviour, puritie in thoughts, righteousnesse in my actions, constancie in temptations, and victory against my Ghostly enemie. O sweete Jesu, stay my inclination from evill, bridle my appetites with thy gsace, quench in me all unlawful desire, keepe my eyes from vaine sights, my eares from hearing evil, grant me an earnest desire to amend my faults, to renew my good purposes, to performe good intentions: correct my errours, erect my infirmities, protect my good endeavours; al-

lay my paſſions, and make mee able to maſter them, that they never draw mee beyond the rule of piety. Make mee humble to my ſuperiours, friendly to my equals, charitable to my enemies, and reſpectful to all. Grant me ſorrow for my ſins, thankfulnes for thy benefits, fear of thy judgments, love of thy mercies, and mindfulneſſe of thy preſence, Amen.

A very good prayer to God the holy Ghoſt, for remiſſion of ſins.

O Heavenly God, if I have found favour in thy ſight, ſuffer mee a little to ſpeake unto thee, and be no more angry with mee, which by thy wiſedome ruleſt al things. Give me thy holy Spirit, that being guided by the

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ſame, I may never be confounded. O comfort the ſoule of thy ſervant, and let thy wiſedome leade and guide me in the pathes of true knowledge: bleſſed is the man that hath his delight therein. I beſeech thee my God, make thou a perpetual abode with me, and ſend down from thy Throne of Majeſtie, the dew of thy grace into my heart, that I may always pleaſe thee. O ſend downe from heaven the ſpirit of wiſedome, that I may have the true taſte thereof: incline thine eare unto me, that theſe my humble prayers may aſcend up before thee. Humbly wil I give attendance on thy merciful hand, and wait for thy ſaving health. Behold me O God, ſeely ſoule, gaping for the ſhowers of thy grace, like a barren and dry land. O holy Spi-

rit of God, the third person of the Deitie, which by thy divine grace ordereſt all things, grant me the ſpirit of ſanctification and holines, plant in me an infallible knowledge of thy truth. O thou which art the Comfort, which inricheſt the harts of the faithful with the ſweet taſte of thy word promiſed, breath into my heart a pure faith, that I may acknowledge thee very God, God with the Father and the Sonne. Thou ſeven-fold diſpoſer of the gifts of God, the hope of joy celeſtial, powre into my heart the dew of thy grace, that being filled with the ſweeteneſſe thereof, I may obey thy bleſſed wil. O eternall God, equal with the Father and the Sonne, make ſtrong my ſoul and my body, that by thy gracious aide, I may overcome the

assaults of my Ghostly enemies, and beleeve, and confesse God the Father, and Jesus Christ his Sonne, with the holy Spirit, proceeding from them both, to be one God, in persons three, and everlasting in Trinitie & Unitie, to whom be given al laud, praise, honour, and glory, evermore, Amen.

A godly prayer to the blessed Trinity.

O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinitie, God the Father, Sonne, and holy Ghost, three persons, and one omnipotent and everlasting God, three in Trinitie, and one in Unitie, I prayse thee, I worship thee, I glorifie thee, I give thanks unto thee for thy mercifull goodnesse, which

wouldeſt that I being in darknes of errour and ignorance, ſhould bee made partaker of thy grace and mercy: I beſeech thee moſt glorious and bleſſed Trinitie, forgive me my ſinnes, have mercy upon me, bring to paſſe the worke of thy merciſull goodnes begun in mee, and lead me in al piety and goodneſſe. O cauſe me alwayes, to think, ſpeak and do thoſe things which ſhal be acceptable in thy ſight, that after this life, I may have the fruition of the Deity, that liveſt and raigneſt in perfect unity, world without end,

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A prayer for a woman with childe, for deliverance, and forgiveneſſe of ſinnes.

ALmighty and merciful Father which of thy gracious goodnes, haſt created me a reaſonable creture,& of thy bountiful goodneſſe, haſt fructified my womb, I moſt heartily thank thee for this gracious gift,& for that thou haſt alwayer preſerved mee from all perils of body and ſoule,and haſt ſo moderated al my paines, pinches, throwes and pangs, that I have hitherto right-wel endured them : keepe mee (I beſeech thee from all peril and danger) and at thy appointed time ſafely deliver me. Thou haſt cõmanded us to cal on thee in our troubles, promiſing to heare us, and ſend us deliverance : ſaying, I am with you

you in your troubles, and will deliver you. O most comfortable Lord, who art more readie to helpe, then we to call for helpe: more ready to give grace, then wee to aske for it: I therefore sue unto thee and call upon thee faithfully, and say; O Father of mercie, and God of all consolation & comfort, I thy poor handmaide, humbly beseech thee for Jesus Christ his sake, and in his blessed and holy name, that thou wilt vouchsafe to forgive mee all my sins and offences, wherwith I have offended thy godly Majestie in thoughts, delight, word, or deede: mercifully preserve mee from hence-forth during my whole life from trangressing thy Commandements: daily increase in me perfect repentance for my sinnes, and a sure purpose of amend-

mendment of my life, and a diligent ſtudie to walke in thy commandements; increaſe in me alſo a lively faith, a ſure hope; ingraft in me humbleneſſe of heart, meeknes of mind, & cleanneſſe of conſcience. Grant me that I may be wiſe, ſad, ſober, diſcreete, circumſpect, and well adviſed in all my ſayings: that I may ſtrongly overcome all the temptations of the Devill, the world, and the fleſh; and whether I awake or ſleep, eat or drink, live or dye, or whatſoever I doe, I may doe al to thy honour and glory. Grant me ô Lord that I may feare and dread thee, and that I may faithfully love my husband, and be obedient to his honeſt requeſts. And for the deliverance of this burthen, and thy gracious gifts, I am aſſured that unleſſe thou proſper my travell,

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all womens helpe, and phyſick is in vaine: therefore I beſeech thee that like as thou haſt created this child in me, and breathed into it the breath of life, ſo at ſuch time, as ſhal ſeeme good to thy godly Majeſty, thou wilt proſper the birth and deliverance. I humbly beſeech thee, of thy Fatherly pitty to ſtrengthen me in this my dangerous labour and travel, and ſo ſuſtain mee that I may patiently beare all my paines, and pangs, and ſuffer them not to be above my ſtrength, and in the midſt of all my paines, ſo comfort mee, that I may bee able to beare them. Increaſe my faith O moſt mercifull Saviour: and in the dangerous time of my travel, grant me I beſeech thee ſpeedy deliverance, and joyfull beholding of my child, that I being

being a worthy Mother, may render unto thee honor, prayse, laud and thankes, for thy aboundant mercy, and gracious benefits. And above all things I beseech thee endue my child with grace that it may be one of the number of thy elect, baptized, and regenerate in the holy Ghost: and that it may at the yeares of discretion learne to know thee, trust surely in thy mercy, heartily love thee, feare to offend thee, obey thy Cõmandements, and attaine everlasting joy & felicity, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and raigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, world without end, AMEN.

A prayer of thankesgiving, for a Woman, after shee is delivered with childe.

O Most high, mighty, and eternall God, I give all laud and praise unto thy holy Name, I magnifie thy might, and marvellours works, I render unto thee the sacrifice of my thankful heart and unfained lips, for that it hath pleased thee of thy great goodnesse, to give unto me thy poor creature, so happy, safe, & speedy deliverance, from my great danger of childe-birth, and fully restore me to my former strength. To thee therefore, ô Father, with thy Sonne Jesus Christ, and the holy Ghost, wil I give all thanks and prayse, and magnifie thy glorious Name, both now and evermore, Amen.

A Prayer before the receiving of the Communion.

O Jesus Christ, holy, and eternall God, I miserable man, and wretched sinner acknowledge and confesse, that I am not worthy the least of all thy mercies, and most unworthy to receive thee under the roofe of my soule, by participating of thy most blessed body and blood, for horrible and infinite are the sinnes wherewith I am defiled: therefore the very entrals of my heart are troubled, and my bones doe shake, because I finde my soule a most unworthy guest, for so heavenly a supper. But thou camest not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance: and I know, and constantly beleeve, that notwithstanding my sinnes, thou

thou canſt make me cleane, and worthy, and forgive me my ſins, and through thy power and mercy, I beſeech thee, grant thy grace unto mee a ſinner, that I may worthily approach to this heavenly Sacrament. Give mee grace before I preſume to come to the receiving hereof, I may examine my ſelfe, call my ſinnes to mind, and by unfained and heartie repentance returne unto thee my Lord: make mee with heavy ſobs to confeſſe my ſinnes, and pardon all my offences: accept me into thy favour, cleanſe me from my wickedneſſe, and forgive me all my ſinnes. Poure into me a true and lively faith, that I may alwayes truſt in thy Word, (annexed to the Sacrament) which promiſeth remiſſion of ſinnes. Alſo grant that

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receiving this thy Sacrament, I may put off the old man, which is corruption, according to the lusts of errour, and be renewed in the spirit of my mind, and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousnesse and holines of truth: and though by nature I cannot live without spots of sinne, yet so blesse mee, that I may never willingly offend thee, but altogether depend upon thy goodnesse: ands a a true penitent sinner, repenting of my sinnes, I may approach to thy heavenly Supper. O Christ which of thy unspeakable love tookest our flesh upon thee, and didst become a sacrifice and ransome for all mankinde, and ordainedst this Sacrament of thy Supper, unto thee doe I cry, beseeching thee from the bottome of my heart

heart that it may pleaſe thee, to give mee grace with an earneſt deſire, and due reverence to receive thy Supper, and thirſtingly to ſeeke for the nouriſhing of my ſoule. Lift up my minde, that in feare and trembling, in faith, and ſpiritual comfort, I may approach to the receiving of thy precious bodie and bloud, ſtirre up in mee an unfained deſire of this heavenly foode, that from thee the bread of life, and fountain of ſalvation I may receive vital juyce, to the quickning of my ſoule. O moſt ſweete bread, heal thou my ſoule, that I may taſte the ſweetneſſe of thy love, heale my infirmities, that I may delight only in thee: let my heart eate thee, and with thy ſweet favour repleniſh the bowels of my ſoul.

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me from all my ſinnes: enter into my ſoule, heale and ſanctifie mee within and without. Grant that I may alwayes worthily receive this bleſſed Sacrament, and memoriall of thy death, according to thy holy ordinance, that it may encreaſe in mee all goodneſſe. Be thou the Buckler, and perpetuall defence of my ſoule and body, that I may come into thy Kingdome where I ſhall behold thee face to face, whither Lord for thy mercies ſake bring me, Amen.

A Thankeſgiving after the receiving of the holy Communion.

O JESUS CHRIST which haſt vouchſafed ſpiritually to give mee theſe holy myſteries of thy

thy body and bloud mortifie whatsoever is evil in me, & garnish me with thy graces and vertues: renew my spirit, my soule, and my body with thy excellent grace. Frame mee after thy owne hearts desire, and grant that I may thinke, speak, doe and desire al things that may please thee. Purge my conscience from dead workes, to serve thee the living God. I thank thee with al reverence of mind, for bidding me a miserable sinner, unto the participation of thy holy Supper and the receiving of al celestial riches, whereby thou bestowest on me particularly, al the merits and good things, which by thy death thou hast purchased for me that I may be a partaker and fellow heire of eternal blessednesse. O sacred Banquet, where my soule,

ſoule receiveth ſuch heavenly dainties to comfort the ſoul, and refreſh the inward man, I humbly beſeech thee by thy moſt ſacred bloudſhed for me, give mee grace that participating of this viſible Sacrament, I may find, and feele in my heart the inviſible working of thy heavenly grace, that as this is ſome refreſhing to my body, ſo it may be a ſpiritual medicine for my ſoule. Raiſe up in mee by this bleſſed Sacrament, a continual remembrance of thy bitter Paſſion. Make mee retaine it in my mind, as a ſufficient ranſome on my Redemption, let me never doubt of the forgiveneſſe of my ſinnes: and as often as Satan aſſaileth me with his deadly temptations, give me grace to runne to this Sanctuary, as to a ſtrong armour of defence: ſo that no tribulation,

bulation, anguish, nor persecution, nakednesse, perils, sword, life or death, separate me from Christ my head, whereupon being made fast by thy holy Sacrament received, I (as a living member) depend: and let me know, that I am fed and nourished by thy flesh and precious blood, that washed therewith, I give not my selfe hereafter to carnall pleasures, but live in all sinceritie and truth, as it becommeth those that eate of the immaculate Paschall Lambe. And I beseech thee by thy bitter death, stirre up my minde, that by often receiving this thy holy institution, I may consider how bitter a death thou diddest suffer for mee, and how great thy love was, that made thee to take so shamefull a death for the Redemption of monkinde:

mankind : and conitnually to yeeld thee hearty thankes for the fame. O fweet Jeſu, grant if I ſinne through frailty, that I may by and by come unto thee by repentance, and being by this holy miſterie faſt linked unto thee, I may receive power, & ſtrength from thee to reſiſt ſin. Suffer mee not to bee ſeparated from thy Church, but grant that I may be without fault, & commit no ſinne, but walke worthy this Sacrament ; renouncing the Devil, all Idolatry, vices, and carnall deſires. Let me not feare to ſuffer and give my life for the glory of thy name, that I bee never ſeparated from thee. Give mee grace, that laying aſide all wrathfulneſſe, maliciouſneſſe, & envie, I may forgive every one as thou haſt forgiven mee. Give

mee grace, that participating of the bread of eternall life, I may be repleniſhed with the fruition of thy bleſſed ſight, in thy celeſtiall Paradiſe for ever. And at my reſurrection from death, appoint me a place, O merciſull Lord, at thy heavenly Table, where I may taſte the new wine in the Kingdome of thy Father, abiding with thy elect Angels, and bleſſed Saints for evermore, *Amen.*

A Prayer to make ſtrong his Faith againſt temptation, and may be ſaid by a ſicke perſon.

O Lord Jeſu, the only ſtay and defence of my immortall ſtate: my onely hope, and ſalvation: my glory, and my triumph:

triumph: who in the fleſh (which for my ſake thou tookeſt upon thee) didſt ſuffer thy ſelfe to be tempted of Satan, and who only and alone diddeſt overcome and vanquiſh ſinne, death, the world, the Devill, and the Kingdome of hell for me, and for my behalfe: and it is thy pleaſure that I ſhould keepe battel with thoſe evils, of purpoſe to reward mee with a Crowne of glory for it. Give me, I beſeech thee, O Lyon moſt victorious, ſtrength againſt the roaring Lyon, which continually wandreth up and downe ſeeking whom he may devoure; Thou being the Serpent that was nailed on high, the true giver of health, give unto me thy wiſedome, to withſtand the waiting of the moſt ſubtill ſerpent. Thou being a Lamb, as white as ſnow,

the vanquiſher of Sathans tyrannie, give unto mee, one of thy ſheep, the ſtrength and vertue of thy ſpirit: that through thy force and valour, I may withſtand and overcome all the aſſaults of the Devil, that my ghoſtly enemie may not glory over me, but that I may conquer him through thee, and give thankes unto thee, which ever helpeſt thoſe that truſt in thee. My ſoule, O Lord, longeth for thy ſalvation, and I have a good and ſure hope therein. O when wilt thou comfort mee a ſinner, that doe give and ſubmit my ſelfe ful and whole to thy moſt bleſſed wil? I commit my ſelfe unto thy mercy, therefore I know I ſhal not periſh. I beſeech thee moſt merciful Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that thou wilt by thy grace, both now & ever make

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ſtrong my ſoule againſt all temptations, and cover and defend me with the buckler of thy mercies, againſt all the aſſaults of the Devil. I acknowledge that in my ſelfe there is no hope of ſalvation, but the hope, truſt, and confidence of my ſalvation is in thy moſt merciful goodneſſe: I have no goodneſſe in me, but am ful of evil; yet I truſt, and faithfully beleeve, that thou wilt make mee good, forgive me my ſinnes, and make mee an Inheritour of thine everlaſting kingdome. O merciful Lord, thou waſt borne, thou didſt hunger and thirſt, faſt and pray, thou didſt ſuffer grievous paines, thou gaveſt thy moſt precious body to dy, and thy bloud to be ſhed for my ſake: Let theſe things, O moſt mercifull Saviour, ſave me: let thy blood

cleanſe and waſh the ſpots and foulenesſe of my ſinnes: let thy righteouſneſſe cover and hide my unrighteouſneſſe: let thy paſſion and blood be a ſatisfaction for my ſins. Take mee ô Lord unto thee, and give me thy grace, that my faith waver not, but be ever firme and conſtant: that the hope of thy mercy and life everlaſting never decay in me; that charity waxe not cold in mee, that the weakeneſſe of my fleſh be not overcome with the fear of death.

And vouchſafe ô Lord, to ſend me patience and ſufferance, that I may ſtedfaſtly continue unto the end, and after live with thee in eternall glory, *Amen.*

A Prayer for a ſicke perſon.

LAud, honour, and thanks be given to thee moſt merciſull Lord Jeſus Chriſt, for thy holy incarnation, thy pains and bitter paſſion. I know thou art my Redeemer and Saviour, I beleeve thou haſt overcome ſinne, death, hell, and the Devill, ſo as they cannot hurt me. On thee doe I build, in thee is my truſt and comfort. O Lord bee propitious and merciſull unto mee, according to thy great mercies. Leave me not, O Lord, in diſtreſſe, but deliver me from all evill; ſtrengthen and conduct my ſoule in the great journey that it is to goe, and through thy mercie, forgive me all my ſinnes, and grant me everlaſting life. I have no merits, nor good

workes, which I may alledge before thee, but of evill deedes and sinnes I have many : yet I trust through thy mercy, to be among the number of them that shall be saved, to whom thou wilt not impute their sins, but take them to everlasting life. O most mercifull God, which according to the multitude of thy mercies dost put away the sinnes of those which truly repent, that thou remembrest them no more ; open thy eyes of mercie, and look upon mee thy sicke servant ; and pardon and forgive me, I most earnestly desire thee, all my sins. Renew in mee, most loving Father, whatsoever hath beene decayed by sinne, by the fraud and malice of the Devill, or by my owne carnal wil and frailty : preserve and continue mee in the

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unity of the Church: consider my contrition, accept these my prayers and teares, asswage my paine; as shall bee seene to thee most expedient for mee: and for that I put my full trust onely in thy mercy, impute not unto me, I beseech thee, my former sinnes and offences, but pardon and forgive mee, and take mee into thy favour through the merits of Jesus Christ. I beleeve onely in thee, and thy incomparable mercy; and this faith, O Lord, will I dye in: keepe me that I shrinke not from thee, through paine, smart, impatience, temptation, or any thing else, but strengthen and increase my faith, that sinne, death, hell, and the Devill hurt me not, for thou art stronger and mightier then they, and in thee doe I trust. O pitiful

Phyſician, and healer of ſoul and body, let mee not bee confounded in ſinne, but vouchſafe to caſt thy mercifull eyes upon mee a poore and ſinfull creature, who am bound and captive with ſickneſſe: turne my weakneſſe to thy glory, and my health and comfort: and grant that I may ſo long as I live, with a true & perfect faith, fight manfully againſt all temptations of ſinne, the fleſh, the world, and the Devill, and after this life raign with thee in eternall glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

A Prayer for a ſinner, to be ſaid at the houre of death.

O Lord Jeſus Chriſt which art the onely health of al men living, and the everlaſting life

life of them that dye in thee : I wretched ſinner, doe ſubmit my ſelfe wholly unto thy moſt bleſſed will : And being ſure that the thing cannot periſh, which is committed unto thy mercy, willingly now I leave this fraile and ſinneful fleſh, in ſure hope thou wilt in better wiſe reſtore it to mee againe at the latter day, in the reſurrection of the Juſt. I beſeech thee, Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that thou wilt by grace make ſtrong my ſoule againſt all temptations, and defend me with the buckler of thy mercy againſt all the aſſaults of the Devil. I ſee in my ſelfe no hope of ſalvation, but all my truſt is in thy rich mercy and goodneſſe : I have no merit, which I may alleadg before thee : of ſins and evill deeds, alas, I ſee a great heape, but I truſt

truſt through thy mercy to be one of them that ſhall bee ſaved, and to whom thou wilt not impute their ſinnes, but wilt accept and take mee for juſt, and make me an inheritour of everlaſting life. Thou gaveſt thy body to dye, and thy blood to be ſhed for my ſinnes: let that thy blood cleanſe and waſh away all my ſpots, ſinnes, and offences, and bee a full ſatisfaction for all my ſinnes. Let not my faith waver, but be firme and conſtant in thee, and in the hope of thy mercy, and life everlaſting: and let not the weakeneſſe of my fleſh bee overcome with the feare of death; but grant, O moſt mercifull Father, that when death hath ſhut up the eyes of my body, my ſoule may ſtil behold, and looke upon thee: and when death hath taken

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away the uſe of my tongue and ſpeech, my heart may cry and ſay, O Lord into thy hands I give & commend my ſoule, and with thy holy Martyr *Stephen*, I may behold thee in ſoule, and ſay, Lord Jeſus receive my ſoule unto thee, which liveſt and raigneſt God everlaſting, with the Father, & the holy Ghoſt,

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AN EXHORTATION TO FORSAKE *THE WORLD.*

TAke good Christian the memory of deth for thy perpetuall Pheer, & unseparable Spouse. Let thy Children be bitter sights of a sorrowful soul, possesse thy body as thy bõdman, fasten thy friendship with thy celestiall powers; they will bee patrones unto thee in thy finall passage: remember you are in the waning, and the date of your pilgrimage is well-neere expired, and now it behooveth

veth you to looke toward your Country: your force languisheth, your senses impaire, your body droopeth, and on every side the ruinous cottage of your faint and feeble flesh threatneth fall. And having so many harbingers of death, how can you but prepare for so dreadfull a stranger? The yong may dy quickly, but the old cannot live long: the yong mans life by casualty may be abridged, but the old by no Physick can be preserved. Greene yeares must thinke of the Grave, and the thoughts of old age should alwaies dwell in the same. Be mindfull of things passed, carefull of things present, and provident for things to come. Use the priviledg of nature, to the benefit of your soule: Be wise in well doing, and watchfull for your end; serve not

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the world, for it can give you nothing that is good & permanent, but of pride, envy, lechery, hate, ire, malice, folly, & al evil things infinite, wher man is defiled with ſin, diſquieted with troubles, oppreſſed wth labors, vexed in temptations, overcome with vaine delights and pleaſures of the world, and miſerably wrapped in many calamities. It is Ambaſſador of the evil, a ſcourge of the good, a tyrant of the vertuous, a breaker of peace, a friend of war, a ſweet of vices, a gall of vertues, a friend of lies, an inventer of novelties, travel to the ignorant, a hammer for the malicious, a table of gluttons, a furnace of concupiſence, a peril of the heart, a danger of the thoughts, a ſepulcher of the dead, a priſon of the living, a pitfall to the rich, a burthen to the poor, a houſe

house of *Pilgrims*, a den of theevs a slanderer of the good, a renowner of the wicked, a deceiver of all. We have no cause to love the world, for it gave us unhappy welcom, a hurtful entertainment and will abandon us with an unfortunate farewell. Also it doth torment us, expel us, and consume us, and heaven doth comfort us, keep us, exalt us, rejoyce us, and eternally cõtinue us. You have too long sown in a field of flint, which could bring forth nothing but a crop of care, and affliction of spirit, rewarding your labours with remorse, and affording for your gaine eternall dammage; it is time to leave so unthriving a husbandry, and to sow in Gods field the seedes of repentant sorrow, and water them with the tears of humble contrition, so shall you

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reape a more beneficiall harveſt, & gather the fruits of everlaſting comfort. Thinke your ſpring is ſpent, your ſummer overpaſt: you are arrived at the fall of the leafe, and Winter colours have ſtained your hoarie head. Though our loving Lord beare long with offenders, yet he wil ſcourge them, & his patience is only to lend us reſpit to repent, not leaſure to ſin. Hee that is toſſed with many ſtormes, and cannot come to his deſired port, maketh little away, but is much turmoyled: ſo he that paſſeth many years, and purchaſeth ſmall profit, hath a long being, but a ſhort life. For life is more to be meaſured by vertuous actions, then number of dayes, Some men by many dayes procure many deaths, and others in a ſhort ſpace attaine life everla-

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ſting. What is thy body without the ſoule, but a corrupt carkaſſe? and what is the ſoule without God, but a ſepulcher of ſin? Man was made and ſent hither to no other purpoſe, but only to ſerve God in this life, and to enioy heaven, and life everlaſting in the world to come. If our end be the kingdome of heaven, why affect we ſo much the earth? If we were made for God, why ſeek we greedily the favour of worldly men? If our creation be eternal ſalvation, why follow we vanities, and tēporalities of this life? If our inheritance be to raign as Kings in heaven, why do we like *Eſau*, ſel away our birthright for vanities before we have it? & why live we like ſervile ſlaves, in danger to be divided from God & his Angels, from our Saviour Chriſt, and the com-

communion of Saints, from hope of our inheritance, our celeſtial portion, and life everlaſting? If God be the way, the truth, & the Life, he that goeth without him ſtrayeth, he that liveth without him dieth, & he that is not taught by him erreth: God is our true and chief life, from whom the revolting is falling, unto whom the returning is riſing, in whom the ſtaying is ſure ſtanding. God is he from whom to depart is to dye, to whom to repaire is to revive, in whom to dwel is to live. Be not you like thoſe, that begin not to live til they bee ready to dye, and then after a foes deſert, come to crave of God a friends entertainment; not in time looking for their ſalvatiõ, but living like the three worldly fooles, the covetous, as he in the goſpel, who had

had layd up for many yeares, and that night had his ſoule taken from him; the voluptuous, as *Sardanapalus*, who periſhed in the midſt of his pleaſures: the proud or fantaſticall, whom the Devil overcommeth either with vaine delights, or pride in themſelves, who diſdaines his ſuperiours, becauſe they are better then himſelfe; his equals, becauſe he is as good as they; his inferiours, becauſe they are not ſo good as himſelfe. Some think to ſnatch heaven in a moment, which the beſt ſcarce attained in many yeares, & when they have glutted themſelves with worldly delights, they would jump from *Dives* his dyet to *Lazarus* crown, and from the ſervice of Satan, to the ſolace of a Saint. But be ſure that God is not ſo penurious of friends, or his king-

kingdome ſaleable for the refuſe and reverſion of their lives, who have ſacrificed the Principall thereof to his enemies, and their owne brutiſh appetites; then onely ceaſing to ſin, when ability of offending is taken from them: What thankes is it to pardon our enemies, when we cannot hurt them? To give away our goods, when we can keepe them no longer? To abandon our pleaſures, when we can uſe them no more? To forſake ſin, when ſin leaveth us? God may be merciſull at the laſt gaſpe, but miſerable is that man that layeth the anchor of his eternall wealth, or woe upon ſo uncertain a point.

The Theefe may bee ſaved on the croſſe, & mercy found at the laſt, yet it is ſcarce credible, that his death ſhould finde favour, who

whole life earned wrath, or that his repentance ſhould bee accepted, that more for feare of hel, and love of himſelfe, then for love of God, or loathſomneſſe of ſinne, cryeth for mercy : wherefore make no delay, but being neare the breaking up of your mortal houſe, before extreamity, take time to ſatisfie Gods juſtice. Though you ſuffered the bud to bee blaſted, the flower to fade, the fruit to periſh, the leaves to dry up, the boughes to wither, and the body of the tree to grow to decay, yet keepe life in the roote, for feare leſt the whole become fuel for hel fire : for where the tree falleth, there it lyeth ; and ſuch ſap as it bringeth, ſuch fruit ſhal it beare. Imagine that death hath filed from you the better part of your natu-

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rall forces, and left you the lees of your dying days: Therefore ranſome your former loſſes. You are impathed in your finall voyage, & are not far from the period of your courſe, be not therefore diſpurveyed of ſuch things as are needfull in ſo perilous a journey. Men in this life labour much to get worldly things, they doe carefully begin them, well proſecute them, and effectually end them: But of the great affayre of winning heavē or falling into hel there is had no reſpect; Neither doe they remember that there is a hel for ſinners, a heaven for good livers, a dreadful day of judgment and a moſt ſtraite account to bee made, death it ſelfe is very feareful, but much more terrible in regard of the judgment whereunto it ſūmoneth us. If you wer laid on

your departing bed, wearied and worne with dolor and pain, burthened with the heavy loade of your former treſpaſſes, goared with the pricke and ſting of a feſtred Conſcience: if you felt the force of death wreſting your heart ſtrings, ready to make the rufull divorce between body and ſoule: If you lay panting for breath, ſweating a fatal, faint, and mortal ſweate, wearied with ſtrugling againſt deadly pangs, O how much would you give for a daies contrition, or an hours repentance! Then worlds would bee worthleſſe in reſpect of a litle reſpite. Nothing would be ſo much eſteemed as a trice of time, which now by months and yeares is laviſhly miſ-ſpent. O how deepely would it wound your hearts, when looking backe into your life,

life, you found many faults committed, and not repented; many good deeds omitted, & not recovered; your ſervice to God promiſed, and not performed! How inconſolable were your caſe, your friends being fled, your ſenſes frighted, your thoughts amazed, your memory decayed, your minde agaſt, and no part able to perform that it ſhould, but onely your guilty conſcience peſtered with ſinne that would continually accuſe you: what would you doe when ſtripped out of mortall weede, and turned out of ſervice and houſe-roome of this world, you were forced to enter into uncouth and ſtrange paths, and with an unknown and ugly company, to be convented before a moſt ſevere Judge, carrying in your own Conſcience, your in-

ditement ready written, and a perfect Regiſter of al your miſ-deeds, when you ſhould ſee our Saviour Chriſt, (a juſt and ſevere Judg, whoſe knowledge is infallible, his power infringible, his juſtice inflexible,) of exceeding dreadful Majeſtie, cloathed in linnen apparel, through which his body ſhineth like precious ſtones, his eyes like burning Lampes, his face like flaſhing lightning, his arms and legs like enflamed braſſe, his voyce as the ſhout of a multitude of people) prepared (for your idle words, evill deeds, time miſ-pent, Talent evil governed, and for your ſinne committed) to paſſe the ſentence upon you, againſt whom you had tranſgreſſed, & he your umpire, whom by many offences you had made your enemie, when you

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ſhal ſee al things cry for vengeance againſt you, al things yeeld you cauſe of fear and horror. Above you the Judge offended with you for your wickedneſſe and offences: Beneath you, Hel open, and the cruel fornace ready to receive you: On your right hand, your ſinnes accuſing you: On your left hand the devils ſtanding ready to execute Gods everlaſting ſentence upon you: Within you, your conſcience accuſing: Without you, damned ſoules bewailing, on every ſide the World burning, and you ſtand as a moſt deſperate, forlorne, and miſerable wretch, to receive the feareful and irrecoverable ſentence: when not only the Devils, but alſo the Angels ſhal pleade againſt you, and your ſelfe maugre your

ſelfe, be your ſharpeſt appeacher: What would you doe in theſe dreadful exigents, when you ſaw the ghaſtly Dungeon and huge gulfe of Hel breaking out with moſt feareful flames? When you ſaw the weeping and gnaſhing of teeth, the rage of theſe helliſh monſters, the horror of the place, the rigour of the paine, the terror of the company, and the eternitie of all theſe puniſhments; where the fire is unquenchable, the paines unſupportable, eaſeleſſe, endleſſe, and hopeleſſe? Our fire may be endured, that is intolerable; Ours is for comfort, that for torment; Ours muſt bee fed or it goeth out, that burneth cõtinually without feeding; ours giveth light, that none; Ours conſumeth the matter, and endeth the paine, that tormenteth, but

but never conſumeth, to make the paine perpetuall: Our fire will be extinguiſhed with water, or cooled with ayre, but nothing can extinct it, abate it, or qualifie it: ours is but painted in regard of that. There idle perſons ſhall bee pricked with burning forkes: Gluttons tormented with hunger and thirſt: Epicures and Voluptuous perſons ſhal boyle in burning pitch, and ſtinking brimſtone: The proud ſhall have ſhame, the covetous miſerable penury, where there is no reſt nor comfort. The poore and meeke ſhal triumph, & the proud ſhake; then ſhall the wicked figh, and the memory of miſery be ſweete: The godly ſhall rejoyce, the reprobate howle: Then ſhall baſe apparell be glorious, and proud attire infamous: the poore cot-

tage ſhal bee more commended than the guilded Palace prayſed, ſimple obedience ſhal bee better than ſubtilty, and a clear conſcience more pleaſant than profound philoſophy, zealous prayer ſhal bee more worth than fine tales, good workes more accepted than ſweete words. Would you then thinke them wiſe that delay ſo weighty matters, and idlely play away the time allotted to prevent theſe intolerable calamities, would you then account it ſecure to nurſe in your boſome ſo many Serpents as ſinnes, or to foſter in your ſoule ſo many malicious accuſers, as mortal faults ? would you not thinke one life too little to make repentãce for ſo many iniquities, the leaſt wherof is enough to caſt you into everlaſting and unſpeakable

able torments? On your body you ſhal experience thoſe deadly agonies, in your ſoul you ſhal find thoſe terrible feares, and in that preſent eſtate the deepeſt danger, if you doe not the ſooner returne unto God. Then devote the remnant of your dayes to make an atonement with God, and to free your conſcience from ſuch corruption, as by ſinne you are falne into. What have you gotten by being ſo long a cuſtomer unto the world, but falſe ware ſutable to ſuch a Merchants Shop, whoſe traffiique is toyle, wealth traſh, and gain miſerable? What intereſt have you reaped, that may equall your detriments in grace and vertue? Or what in a vale of teares can you finde parageable to the favour of God? Let not youthful paſſions delude

you, for time tryes them follies; Let not feare mis-leade you, for there is more cause to feare God then man, and to stand in awe more of perpetual then temporal punishments. Who would relie eternal affaires upon the gliding slipperinesse of uncertain life? O who but one of distempered wit, would offer fraud to the discipherer of all thoughts? with whom wee may dissemble to our cost, but to deceive him it is impossible? Wil you account it cunning to rob the time from him, (and bestow it upon his enemies) who keepeth tale of the least minutes of our life, and wil examin in the end, how each moment hath been employed? It is prepostorous policie to fight against God, until our weapons be blunted, our forces consumed, our

our limmes impotent, our beſt ſpent, and when wee are falne for faintneſſe, and fought our ſelves almoſt dead, to preſume of his mercy, whom we have ſo much offended. It were a ſtrange and oxorbitant courſe, while the Ship is ſound, the Pilot wel, the Sailers ſtrong, the gale favourable, and the Sea calme, to lye idle at rode, loſing ſo ſeaſonable weather; and when the Ship leaketh, the Pilot ſicke, the Mariners faint, the ſtormes boyſterous, and the Sea turmoyled with outragious ſurges, then to lanch forth, hoiſt ſayle, and ſet out for for a farre voyage: ſuch are our evening repenters, who in the ſoundneſſe of health, and perfect uſe of reaſon, cannot reſolve to cut the Cables, and weigh the Anchors, that hold them from God, but when

their ſenſes are aſtonied, their wits diſtracted, their underſtanding dulled, and both body and minde tormented with gripes of mortall ſickneſſe, then wil they thinke on theſe waightieſt matters, and become ſuddain Saints, that are ſcarce like reaſonable creatures. How can one animated with inward garboiles of unſetled conſcience, diſtained with fits of dying fleſh, maimed in all his habilities, and circled with ſo many ſtrange incumbrances, be fit to diſpoſe of his chiefeſt jewel, his ſoul, & to diſpatch the whole manage of al eternity and treaſure of heaven, in ſo ſhort a ſpurt? They that wil loyter in ſeede-time, and begin to ſow when others reape; They that wil ryot in health, and caſt their accounts when they cannot ſpeake: they

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that wil ſleepe in the day, and journey in the night, let them blame their own folly, if they die in debt, and fal headlong into eternall perdition.

Let the grief of the ſore be the meaſure of your ſorrow. Let a deep wound have a diligent cure let their contrition be according to their crime, and their repentance like their ſins. We muſt paſſe the day in mourning, the night in watching & weeping, our whole time in doleful lamenting, fall proſtrate on the ground, humbling our ſelves in ſackcloth and aſhes. Not every ſhort ſigh wil bee a ſufficient ſatisfaction, not every knocke a warrant to get in: many cry, Lord, Lord, and are not accepted. The fooliſh Virgins knock't, but were not admitted: *Judas* had ſorrow, yet dyed deſperate

desperate. Linger not off thy conversion from day to day, for sodainly wil his wrath come and destroy thee. Let no man sojourne long in sinfull security, nor put over his repentance, til feare inforce him to it. Let us frame our beginning, as we meane to end, and endeavour to live as we desire to dye. Shal we offer the maine crop to the Devil, and leave God the gleaning? Shal we gorge the Devil with our faireſt fruits, and turn God to feed on the scraps of his leavings? If Hell fire were prepared for the Devil, and the Kingdome of heaven for Man, let us then provide for our selves, and not lose our inheritance by persisting in sinne. So long as we live, it is possible by unfained repentance to wash away all our sins, how great soever, but when

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we are dead, albeit our teeth doe gnaſh, our mouths cry out, our eyes guſh forth teares, and our hearts from the very bottome of them, lament with innumerable complaints, it ſhal not avail us, no man ſhal heare us, no man ſhal aſſiſt us, nor ſo much as comfort us; then ſhalt thou finde that thou haſt loſt all thy labour and time, and al opportunitie of thine owne commoditie: Thou ſhalt then find thy errour unrecoverable, thy puniſhments unſupportable, thy repentance unprofitable, and thy griefe, ſorrow, and calamity inconſolable.

O that we would ſuffer the ſoul (as ſhe ſhould) to have the ſoveraignty, and the bodie follow the ſway of her directions, & not let ſervile ſenſes, and lawleſſe appetites rule her as ſuperiors, & make her

her a Vaſſal in her owne Dominions, not ſuffer her to be miſled by her three Sutors? the world, which promiſeth all faire things, and beautiful, but wil ſerve you as *Laban* did *Jacob* who promiſed him faire *Rachel* for his ſervice, but deceived him with blear-ey'd *Leah*: The fleſh who pretendeth nothing but love unto her, but if it overcome her it will betray her to her enemie, as *Dalila* did *Sampſon* unto the *Philiſtines*: the Devil who wil promiſe her al the world as he did Chriſt, but if he win her, he wil devoure and torment her; Doeſt thou not deſire to have all things good, as good Houſes, good Furniture, good Apparel, good Fare, good Cattel? Yea, and thy hoſe and ſhooes good? Onely thy poor ſoule, thy principal charge (and of all things worthy

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to bee the beſt) thou art content ſhal be the worſt, & lie cankring and ruſting in al kind of evils. O unſpeakable blindnes, that refuſe to wear an evil ſhooe, and do not care to cary an ugly & deformed ſoule : alas ! let us not ſet ſo little by that which god prizeth ſo much, nor rate our ſoules at ſo baſe a penni-worth, being of ſo peerleſſe dignity.

If the ſoule bee ſo ineſtimable that not al the gold and treaſure, nor any thing of leſſe price than the blood and life of Almighty God was able to buy it : If not al the dainties that heaven & earth could affoord, but onely Gods owne precious body was deemed a repaſt fit to feede it : If not all the creatures of this, or millions of new worlds, if they were, but only the illimitable goodneſſe and

and Majeſtie of God, can ſatisfie the deſire, or fill the compaſſe & capacity of it (for who is ſo inſenſible, that findeth not the inſaciety of his ſoule?) who but of perverſe will, inctedulous minde, or pitileſs ſpirit, would ſet more by the world, then his ſoules health? or ſuffer ſo noble a Paragon, ſo many moneths and yeares to lye channelled in ordure, and mired in all ſinne? We wil ſeeke a Phyſician for our ſick ſervant, have a Leech for our diſeaſed horſe, and amend our torn garment; and we ſuffer our ſoules to dye for want of cure; and ſeeing it mangled with many vices, never ſeeke to reſtore it to the wonted integrity. Is our ſervant more neere, our beaſt more precious, or our coate more deare then our owne ſoule? We live like Epicures, we ſinne

ſinne like Atheiſts, wee ſtruggle and ſtrive againſt Gods callings, and like violent Rebels, ſcorne his Commandements; and with daily and damnable wounds, barbarouſly ſtabbe our unfortunate ſoules: This we account no contumely, we reckon it no diſcredit, but rather regiſter it for our chiefeſt prayſe. How long wil you thus follow vanities & ſins, running careleſly and wilfully into your owne ruine? Dare you not ſuffer a Spider or a Toad to come neere you, and can you neſtle in your ſoule ſo many vipers as vices, and permit it to be ſo long chewed, & wearied with the poiſoned jawes and tuskes of the devil? Is our ſoule ſo vaine a ſubſtance to be had in ſo little eſteeme? Did Chriſt become a wandring Pilgrim, exiling himſelfe

ſelf from the comfort of his god-head, and paſſing thirtie three yeares in pain and penury for our ſoules: he ſuffered the tragedy of his paſſion bloodily inflicted& patiently accepted, he made his body as a cloud to diſſolve into ſhowers of innocent blood, and ſuffered the deareſt veynes of his heart to be launced, to give a ful price for our ſoules redemption. If Chriſt did redeeme us with ſo exceſſive a ranſome, why ſel wee our ſoules to the Devil for every vain delight, and ſilly pittance of worldly pelfe? O that a creature of ſo incomparable a price, ſhould be in the demaine of ſo unnatural Keepers: and that which is in it ſelfe ſo gracious & amiable, that the Angels and Saints delight to behold it, ſhonld by ſin be made ſo loathſome, as to become a horror

horror to heaven, and a ſuitely Pheere for the fowleſt fiends? Wee muſt remember our ſoule is not only a part of us, & the moſt principall, but alſo the Temple, the Paradiſe, and Spouſe of Almighty God, by him in Baptiſme garniſhed, ſtored, and endowed with moſt gracious ornaments, How wil he take it to ſee his temple prophaned, and turned to a den of Devils? His Paradiſe diſplanted, and made a wilderneſſe of Serpents? his Spouſe defloured, and become an adultereſſe to his enemies? durſt we offer ſuch uſage to our Princes? would not the feare of the Law and populur ſhame keepe us from it? And ſhall not the reverent Majeſtie of Almighty God, and the unrebated juſtice of his angry ſword terrifie us from offering the like to his owne

owne Spouſe. Will he that keepeth account of our very haires, ſee himſelfe ſo much wronged in the principal, and paſſe it unpuniſhed ? Remember it is a thing full of horrour, to fal into the hands of God, who is able to cruſh the proud ſpirits of the obſtinate, and make his enemies his foot-ſtoole. Wreſtle not againſt the cryes of your owne Conſcience, but live ſo as he may willingly goe with you, and before the Throne of God anſwer for you.

There was a man had three friends, two whereof hee loved moſt intirely, the third he made no great account of: this man being ſent for to come before his King, came and deſired his firſt friend to goe with him, but hee would not goe with him, but

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brought him part of his way: He went to the ſecond friend, & deſired him to go with him, but he could not, but gave him ſomthing for a remembrance: he went unto the third frend of whom he made no account or reckoning, and he went with him to the King, and anſwered for him in all matters whatſoever.

So man in this world being ſent for by death, comes to his Wife, Children, or friends, to goe with him, but they wil not, but bring him to his grave: Then he deſires his goods and ſubſtance to go along with him; they cannot, yet they can give him a ſheet: But his Conſcience wil goe with him, & anſwer for him befor the throne of God. Have therefore a care to keeep a good Conſcience, and provide afore-hand, as this King of

of whom I tell you did.

There was a Countrey, where the Commons chose their King, and againe at their pleasure banished him into a far Countrey almost naked. One more wiser then others, as soon as hee was chosen King, he sent daily & continually somthing into the other country, so when his owne people did banish him from them, hee was (having made a good preparation before) most princely & royally received there.

So let us provide in this world, that we may be joyfully received into heaven: If you would avoid vaine pleasures, cast away worldly cares, think on celestial things, regard your salvation, and now in life lay up treasure in heaven, and provide to be received into everlasting joy; what a quiet conscience

ſcience ſhould you have? What a joy ſhould you feel in your ſoul? Set then your mind on God, account your ſelfe a Pilgrime on earth, leave the affaires of the World, for this is no abiding place. For final wages men run far, for little money men ſhamefully contend, and weary themſelves night & day, and for mean profit labour long: But for eternall life, goods immutable, reward ineſtimable, honour endles, & immortal glory, few wil take any paines, or ſtep out of doors; God is the way inviolable, wherin we muſt walk, the truth unfallible, whereunto wee muſt truſt; and the life everlaſting whereunto we muſt hope, therefore embrace mercy before the time of rigour, and returne by repentance, leſt he barre you his Kingdome,

you have beene too long in the Tabernacle of ſinners, and ſtray too farre from the fold of Gods flock, turn the bias of your heart to the City of Refuge, and your ſalvation: recompence your ſteps trodden in folly, with a zealous progreſs to Chriſtian profeſſion; your Spring tide is falne, the ſtream of your life runneth at a low Ebb, your tired ſhip begins to leake, and grate on the gravel of your grave, it is high time to ſtrike ſaile, and put into harbor, leſt ſome ſuddain guſt, and the wicked weather of this time daſh you on the rocks of eternal ruine: tender the pitiful eſtate of your own ſoule, and be hereafter tearefull of hell, and more eager of heaven than of worldly repoſe. I muſt conclude, unleſſe I be too tedious, in a matter that deſerves

deſerves to be endleſs, for the miſery of the ſoule is ſo great if it fall, the reward is ſo exceſſive if it ſtand, the enemies ſo malicious that aſſault it, the Judge ſo juſt that muſt proceede upon it, that to raiſe it from the lapſe, & to preſerve it from recidivation, no number of helpes can be more than needfull, nor any perſwaſion more vehement then neceſſary.

Howſoever therefore the ſoft gale of your morning pleaſure, lulled you in ſlumbring fits: howſoever the violent heat of noone, might ſtirre up your affections, yet in the coole and calme of the evening retire to a Chriſtian reſt, and cloſe up the day of your life, with a clear Sun-ſet, that leaving all darkneſſe behinde you, and carrying in your conſcience the

light of grace you may escape the horrour of an eternall night and passe from a mortall day to an everlasting morrow, which the Lord grant for Jesus Christ his sake, *Amen.*

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A Perſwaſion not to *feare Death.*

MAN was made to dye, begotten to dye, born to dye, and came into the world to dye, and none ought to deſire to live. Nothing is more ſure then Death; nothing more uncertain than when, where, or how: None have reaſon to regard the world, wherein we have nothing good and permanent, but a vale of vanity, and vexation of minde. (*quia nemo ſua ſorte contentus*) no man is content with his own eſtate. It is a vitall labyrinth,

and confuſed chaos, affording us nothing but fraud, folly, and fleſhly ſenſuality. All things in it offend us: the Fire burnes us: the Water drownes us: the Heate grieves us: the Cold hurts us: the day is toyleſome, the night uncomfortable, and we can endure no dolorous thing, ſo the time we live in this world, cannot be accounted life, but a living Death. Our wretched remaining here is ſuch, that our time daily diminiſheth, and our trouble encreaſeth. All that have bin borne, are borne, or ſhall be borne, are in this life miſerable; all croſt with cares, ſome with loſſe of friends, ſome of Children, ſome of goods, ſome oppreſt with foes, ſome abuſed with Backe-biters and Slanderers, their credite bleniſhed, their reputation ſcandalized,

lized, and ſubſtance conſumed, and there is none but are with ſomething diſturbed. There is no calling ſo holy, nor place ſo ſolitary, but you ſhal there find troubles to try you, and adverſity to diſquiet you. So there is no man, from the King in his Throne, to the Captive in Chains, but doth taſte of miſery, and many diſcontents. Who therefore (to free himſelfe from worldly ſorrowes) would feare, but rather deſire Death, which makes us happy? for thereby we avoid the intolerable troubles on the earth, & enjoy perpetuall bliſſe in heaven. Since then death is the end of miſery, who would deſire to live ever in labours and perils? Death is nothing but a ſevering of the ſoule from the body, and freeing it from the ſervile bonds of the

va in fleſh, and removing us from evill to good. Death is but the paſſing from this vale of teares, to the place of all happy beatitude in the celeſtial manſion, accompanied with holy Saints and heavenly aſſociates; it is no looſing but a changing of a bad place for a better: Which every one ought to deſire.

Priamus was bleſt with the Kingdome of the famous City of *Troy*, a good Wife and fifty Children, and had what joys might be deſired, yet hee ſaw his Wife and children ſlain, his City ſackt, and himſelfe was killed at *Joves* Altar: how happy had hee been if hee had dyed before thoſe dayes; for in lieu of worldly troubles, he had reaped eternal glory! Good men ſhould imitate the Swanne, *Apollo's* bird, which in the world

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ever mourneth, but when it is ready to dye (as knowing the goodneſſe of death) it ſingeth. As in ſleepe our body is free from labour: ſo our Soule by death is delivered from all dolours. It is therefore good to dye, but many dolefull dayes doe wee endure before wee finde that happy hour wherein we ſhall enjoy all perpetual pleaſures. Wiſe men ſhould not feare death: for nothing is better then death: no life can bee long, and it is often by caſualty abridged. What more pleaſing thing can there be than death? It doth wholly disburthen us of all care, all griefe, all ſolicitude, all ſorrow, and freeth us from all vexation whatſoever. The dead reſt in a ſure Haven, and wee living, ſaile in a raging Sea. The good dyeth not, but liveth, and

the evil living dyeth; and, as the Heathen Philoſophers ſaid; All thoſe that live purely and juſtly, and not contaminate themſelves with ſinne, are either made Gods, or goe eaſily to the Gods. The dead have reſt in heaven, and we with the living have paine and trouble in the world. It is therefore a joy to dye, to be delivered from the thraldome of this ſorrowful life, for they have all the pleaſures may be invented, that are out of this woful world. Being here we muſt dye, and being in heaven, we live eternally; there is no paine but pleaſure, no ſorrow but ſolace, no ſighing but ſinging, no feare of death, but ſure of everlaſting life, ever enjoying ſuch ineſtimable joyes, as no eye hath ſeene, nor ear heard, or heart comprehended. In this life

life wee know not what glory meaneth, & after Death we ſhall not know what paines are. God knowes thoſe that ſerve Him, thoſe that offend Him, thoſe that love Him, thoſe that hate Him, thoſe that praiſe Him, thoſe that blaſpheme Him, thoſe that thank Him, thoſe that are unthankfull: and is better pleaſed with obedience than Sacrifice. There is nothing ſo good as the end of this life, for Death is the true refuge, the perfect health, the ſure haven, the full victory, and finall finiſhing of all terreſtriall troubles. It is a thing inheritable, an eternall ſleep, a diſſolution of the body, a terror of the rich, a deſire of the poore, a Pilgrimage uncertaine, a Thiefe of men, a ſhadow of life, a Sepulchre of the living, a companion of the dead, a diſſolution

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of all, the reſt of travels, the end of idle deſires and vaine delights, the ſcourge of evill, the reward of the good, the final end of all fleſh; of all thoſe infinite numbers that are dead, none ever returned to complaine of Death, and of thoſe few that live, moſt complaine of life. There is no King, Prince, Poore, Sicke, or Whole, nor any Vocation contented, but the dead in their Graves are in peace and reſt, and though wee have ſorrow and vexation in Life, yet we ſhal have joy and Conſolation after Death.

O happy are they that die wel! for it is leſſe evill to ſuffer a ſpeedy death, then endure a diſcontented life: for by death wee are freed from mundane travels, and enjoy heavenly pleaſures. There

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is nothing in this life worthy of love, nor any thing in death wee need to feare. As all things before the firſt day were eternall, without day or year, ſo all things ſhal be eternall after the judgment: as we had nothing before our birth, ſo we ſhall poſſeſſe nothing after our Death. What blindneſſe is it then to love any thing in this life, ſeeing we can carry nothing with us at our death? *Callimachus* living in all delights, and reading *Plato's* Book againſt death, caſt himſelfe into the Sea. *Cirenio* read ſuch Leſſons to deſpiſe death, that many of his hearers (being Heathens) killed themſelves. *Diogenes* deſired to dye, but cared not for buriall. *Lampſacus* dying, was demanded where hee would bee buried, he anſwered, where they would: for the way to heaven was

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every where. *Thezaminus* dyed with a worthy minde; for, being commanded to Death by the thirty Tyrants, he took the poyſoned Cup and thirſtingly drunk it off; and then laughing at them for ſo pleaſuring him, ſaid, they made him happy by putting him to death; With the like minde died the worthy *Graccbus*. So dyed the famous *Spartane*, and greatly rejoyced he ſhould be diſſolved from the bondage of the World. When it was told *Lucius* his ſon was ſlaine at the wars, he rejoycing, ſaid, To that purpoſe I begot him. The like anſwer made the *Roman Matron*, when ſhee heard her ſonnes were ſlaine, ſhe not ſorrowing, ſaid, I am glad I bore them to dye ſo worthily for their Countrey.

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to deliver his Country : *Curtius* leapt into the gulfe to preſerve *Rome* ; *Scævola* loſt his hand to ſave the Citie : *Menechus* killed himſelfe to free his native ſoile : ſo did *Harmitus*, *Codrus*, *Ariſtogiton*, *Epaminondas*, and divers others. The Temple at *Delphos*, where the Oracle of *Apollo* was, for want of reparations fel down to the ground, then *Triphon* and *Agamedo*, two noble perſons, of *Greece*, wiſe and rich, as well with the labour of their perſons, as great expence of their goods, built the Temple againe. When it was fully finiſhed, *Apollo* ſaid to them, hee wel remembred their good ſervice, and willed them to demand any thing in reward thereof, and it ſhould bee granted : They ſaid, miſerable man hath not power to eſchew the

the evill, or chuſe the good, and therefore they deſired him to give them the beſt thing might be given to man: and moſt profitable for man: *Apollo* ſaid they ſhould have their demands, then they at the Gates of the Temple fell downe dead, ſo the reward of their travels was to take them out of the miſery of this life. Saint EDVVARD, King of *England*, much reverenced Saint *John*, & one day comming from *Weſtminſter* from ſervice, a poore man came to him, and deſired him for Saint *Johns* ſake to give him ſomething: the King gave to him his Ring off his finger: within few dayes after, two pilgrimes comming from *Jeruſalem*, within two miles of it, met a poore man who asked them what countrymen they were; they ſaid Engliſhmen:

lithmen: hee then said to them when you come home, I pray you tel King EDWARD, that Saint *John* doth thanke him for the Ring he gave for his sake: and gave them a Ring, and desired them to deliver it unto the King, and tell him that Saint *John* sent it him, and the richest gift that could be given to man, that is, the twelfth day after the receipt thereof, hee should be in heaven: the Pilgrimes received the Ring, and departed; by & by they were so heavie, they were enforced to ly down and sleep, when as they awaked, they found themselues in another Country, and demanding of a Shepheard where they were, found they were in *Kent* in *England*, then they went to the King, being Christmas Even, and delivered the King the Ring

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and the meſſage, which the King received, fell ſicke on Saint *Johns* day, and dyed on twelfth day. The *Greekes* had a cuſtome, that when they offered any Sacrifice, the Prieſts and Officers of the Temple were carried; for if their feete touched the ground, they might not offer Sacrifice. It chanced that a holy Nun of the Goddeſſe *Juno*, going in her Chariot to the Temple, the beaſts that drew it dyed, when shee was ten miles from the Temple, which her two Sons, *Cleobis* and *Biton*, ſeeing, and knowing that their Mother muſt not go on foot, and that there were no other beaſts to be gotten, yoked themſelves, and drew the Chariot with their Mother to the Temple: every one praiſed them greatly for it, and ſaid, they deſerved to be recompenced

pensed with great rewards. After the Feast ended, their Mother desiring to requite their kindnesse, with teares besought the Goddes *Juno*, to give her children the best gifts the Gods could give to their friends; which the Goddesse promised shee would doe before the next morning: They going to sleep at night, were the next morning both found dead: then their mother bitterly wept, and complained of the Goddesse; the Goddesse said, shee had no cause to complaine, for shee had given her that shee did demand; and I have at thy instance given thy Children (quoth shee) that which wee hold most deare, which is Death. For the greatest revenge we take of our enemies, is to let them live long, and the best thing wee can give to our friends,

friends, is to make them dye quickly. For all of us together taught King *Midas*, *Optimum eſt homini, aut non omninò naſci, aut quàm primùm mori:* it is the beſt thing for man, either never to be borne, or dye very ſoone. We are here ſtrangers, & incloſed as priſoners in a Caſtle, but by death we ſhall be freely delivered from thraldome, and goe to our own Countrey. Seeing then death is the beſt thing that can bee given to man: let us have a care to crave it, and live godly and vertuouſly, that we may joyfully have it, to free us from this place of impriſonment, and ſeat us in our everlaſting and heavenly Habitation; whither good Lord bring us all,

Amen.

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